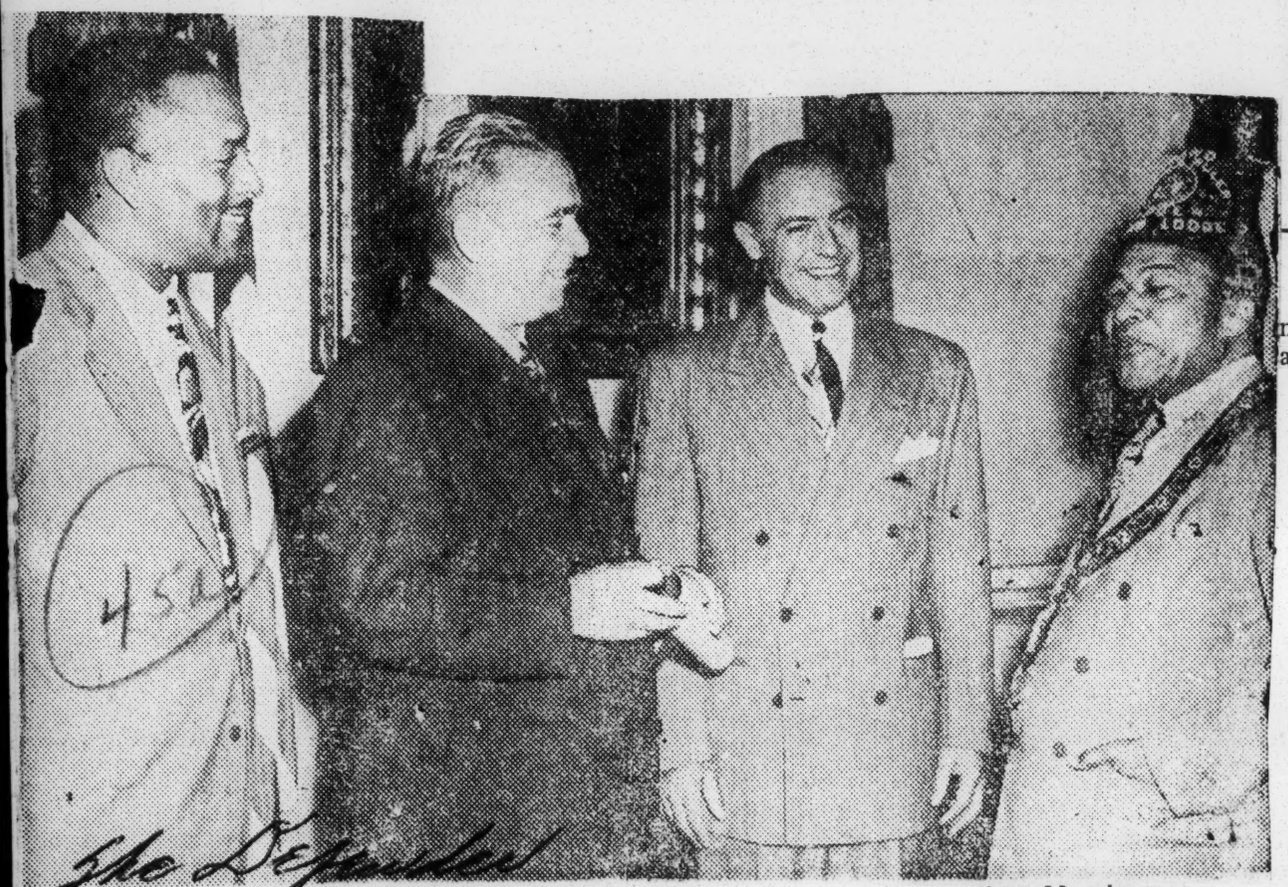

THE JOKE WAS ON HIM so Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks, J. Finley Wilson (right) was trying, in his own inimitable way, to tell one to Mayor O'Dwyer of New York (holding certificate) during a recent mutual exchange of golden anniversary greetings. Looking [illegible] are J. [illegible] commissioner, and Hugo [illegible] president of Manhattan.

Urge Probe Of Vet's Death

BROOKLYN, N. Y. — Demand for investigation by the U. S. Department of Justice of circumstances surrounding the death of a young Brooklyn Negro war veteran on a Southern-Pacific train near Kansas City on March 2, was made last week by the Brooklyn-Long Island Civil Liberties Department of the Negro Elks.

Alfred A. Duckett, chairman of the Civil Liberties group, in a letter to Atty. Gen. Tom Clark, has pointed out that the information about the young man's death, furnished by authorities to his parents, "is so sketchy as to provoke extreme suspicion."

The veteran, Clifford Perryman 25, of 172 Patchen avenue, is said to have been found dead in a locked drawing room on the train. Notification to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phineas Perryman, was made by an Undertaker in Douglas, Ariz., who shipped the body home. The death certificate accompanying the corpse, signed by O. A. Ash, Justice of the Peace for Douglas, and certifying medical officer, gave no information other than that the body had been found and that death "was caused by suicide."

Top Orator

Miss Mary E. Gains of East Orange, N.J., is the winner of this year's Elks oratorical contest.

Many Stores Close; Avoid Serving Elks

By DOUGLASS HALL

CINCINNATI, Ohio — This is not a jim crow town. That is, not a legal jim crow town, but according to custom, there are places here that colored folk just don't go. And there are places where you hear "we don't serve colored."

A number of Elks delegates complained that some places refused to serve them. They charged that they actually had been refused.

I was not refused service, but frankly I was "eyed" in several of the downtown cafes as if I were a walking branch of poison ivy.

On the day of the parade when businessmen claim they lost $5,000 in sales, it was strange that many of the eating places downtown were closed. About half persons who lined the streets in front of them were colored.

This is a very strange town. It is hard to tell where democracy ends and jim crow begins.

It was strange that many of the small cafes near Music Hall, where the convention was in session, closed their doors for one reason or other just when 30,000 potential customers were moving in for a week.

Some of the signs read "Closed for repair," "Out on Vacation- August 21 to 28." The Elks arrived on Aug. 21. It is strange business sense indeed for a man to close his doors for repairs or vacation in a week during which he could make as many sales as he would ordinarily in a month.

Elk Dignitaries To Present Oxygen Tent To Hospital Sunday

By JOHN E. ROUSSEAU, Jr.

NEW ORLEANS— Plans for a citywide demonstration followed by an impressive program, parades and receptions in connection with the presentation of two oxygen tents to Flint-Goodridge hospital by the Grand Lodge of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World were completed this week, according to announcements from Joseph C. Pierre and Allen James, chairman and secretary, respectively, of the arrangements committee.

The presentation will be made personally by Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson of Washington D. C. on Sunday afternoon, according to Elk officials. He is scheduled to arrive in New Orleans at the Louisvile and Nashville station on Sunday at 9 a.m accompanied by Grand Secretary James E. Kelly of Birmingham, Alabama; Grand Medical Director Dr. Carter L. Marshall of New Haven, Connecticut., and a member of the Yale University faculty; and Dr. E. T. Belsaw of Mobile, Alabama, executive secretary of the Elks Health Commission.

According to the committee, J. Harvey Netter, Elk's Special traveling deputy, will preside over the presentation ceremonies at Flint-Goodridge hospital 3 p.m Sunday Others scheduled to appear on the program, in addition to those mentioned, include Rev. H Clarence Brown and Rev Samuel Richardson, state chaplain and assistant chaplain respectively.

Elks from all sections of Louisiana are expected to attend, committeemen stated. Plans include a breakfast, the parade sightseeing tours, a trip to the Fair Grounds race track, a stage reception Monday, and the Elk dignitaries will remain for Mardi Gras festivities on Tuesday.

Elks' Brigadier General A. J Ben will conduct the parade which will include the state Elks and Crescent City Elks marching units, and units from the Red Cross Boy Scouts, and Xavier Prep, Booker T. Washington, Landry High, and Craig School bands.

The parade will begin at Winter Capitol Lodge, 1913 Harmony street and will proceed down Dryades street to Howard avenue; to Rampart street; to Poydras, thence to Saratoga, to Julia, to Rampart; to Melpomene, to Magnolia, to Jackson; thence to LaSalle up to Flint-Goodridge hospital.

Arizona Elks Burn Mortgage For $35,000

By LEON H. WASHINGTON

PHOENIX, Ariz., (ANP)—More than 2,500 persons joined with the officials of the William H. Patterson Lodge No. 477 and Grand Canyon Temple No. 437 of the Elks Sunday to celebrate the burning of the mortgage ending the $35,000 indebtedness for the Elks temple which was retired in 16 months.

William H. Patterson lodge was organized in May, 1920, by Rudolph James, then district deputy for Arizona.

D. C. Officer Present

Highlight of the occasion was the burning of the mortgage by Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson who flew to Phoenix from Washington for the event.

Wilson praised the leadership of the lodge for their sight and persistence in planning and completing the project of a home for the lodge and a center for the community.

Particular credit for the successful building campaign was given to Exalted Ruler Charles N. Patterson, Trustees Floyd B. Johnson, Ernest Walker and Fred V. Williams, to the membership of the lodge, which has grown from 70 in 1920 to about 30 today, and to Grand Canyon temple's 200 members who have given their complete support to the parent lodge.

New Modern Building

The new Elks home, originally sketched by Executive Secretary Glenn O. Mallory, is completely equipped with a lodge hall, Daughters' conference room, dining room, cocktail lounge and private club room. It is air-conditioned and furnished in modern design.

Guests were Robert B. Strather, president of the Pacific States association, Jay Chavis, grand esquire; Lt. Margaret White of Hiawatha temple, Los Angeles; Brig. Gen. Loy Johnson of the Golden West lodge; William Veil, exalted ruler of Golden West lodge; Leon H. Washington, Jr., grand western director of publicity; Ralph Banks, trustee of the J. B. Bass lodge of Watts, Alexander Norman, member of the Past Exalted Rulers Council of Golden West Lodge.

Jersey City Elks Celebrate Merger Of All Lodges

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—Under clear skies, more than 1,000 members of the I. B. P. O. E. of W., and affiliated organizations took part in a parad terminating celebration of the merger of all Elk lodges in Jersey City under one charter.

Among those taging part were Pride of Jersey Lodge 22, Progressive Temple 99, Powell K. Martin Temple 172, and the Jersey City Marching Club.

As the columns swung past the Elks Home, near the end of the line of march, they were reviewed by dignitaries and high ranking officials of the Elks organization.

Grand marshal of the parade was Brother Harry Price, exalted ruler of Pride of Jersey Lodge 22. He was assisted by Brother Sim De Berry, past exalted ruler, and president of the Jersey City Marching Club, and Brother C. Bion Jones, past exalted ruler, and state deputy of New York.

The American Way

The Birmingham Post

J. Finley Wilson, for 26 years grand exalted ruler of Negro Elks, has called upon members of his race to remember their patriotic tradition and be ready to serve the country in any war to come.

"We are urging our boys to join the draft and follow the flag, even though we may not have been given the best break in the past," he said.

That is sound, timely advice, in the true spirit of Americanism.

The problems of the Negro group must be solved within the framework of the Constitution, on the principle of equality before the law. Yet a few misguided Negroes have advised their people to violate the law by refusing to register for the draft.

That is dangerous counsel and a disservice to the race by placing its members in a false position. And it could do great injury to the country. In fairness to the Negro himself it should be pointed out that such attitude is not that of the great majority of his race.

It must be understood that any evidence of disunity in the United States is seized upon and blown up out of all proportion to its true importance by Communist propagandists. This is being done by men who talk peace but who want war, because they hope to profit by the chaos which might accompany war. The way to defeat that propaganda is to demonstrate that all Americans are standing together for the right, without regard to race or color, as the leader of Negro Elks is doing.

Conference On Illiteracy Hears Leaders In D.C.

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga. Wed. 2-4-48

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NNPA)—Senator Robert A. Taft, Republican, of Ohio told members of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World last Saturday night that he would support anti-poll tax, anti-lynching and fair employment practice legislation, but urged forbearance as to which bill would be called up for Senate consideration first.

(Senator Taft is opposed to the Ives bill against discrimination in employment, favoring his own bill which contains no penalty provisions. He has, however, promised to have the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, of which he is chairman, vote on the Ives bill Thursday, February 5.).

Speaking at a conference on illiteracy, sponsored by the Elks, the Republican Presidential candidate told an audience of more than 600 persons in Metropolitan Baptist Church that the strategy would be call up "the easiest one first to break the filibuster that is sure to develop."

PARTY SPEAKERS

Senator Taft was the second high-ranking Republican to address the three-day conference called by William C. Hueston, Elks' commissioner of education. Wed.

Speaker of the House Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Republican, of Massachusetts, told the conference at an afternoon session that an anti-lynching bill would pass the House this session and that it would be in not "too many weeks." 2-4-48

Senator Taft said, "I come from a city where Republicans have always insisted on equality in political activity. There is no dispute about it, it is accepted as a matter of course. Daily World

"In the main the interest of the colored people is the same as that of all intelligent people. My interest in government is that the principles of the Constitution shall prevail." Atlanta, Ga.

HOWARD INTRODUCTION

Senator Taft was introduced by Perry W. Howard, Republican national committeeman for Mississippi, as "the next President of the United States."

Following the Senator's address J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of the order for the past 28 years, quipped, 'I am not a politician. All I can say is that everytime I run I get elected," which brought a roar of laughter from the audience. Daily World

Wilson said the order 'never drew the party or color line" and that invitations to speak had been extended to the White House, Attorney General Tom Clark, the Democratic minority leader in the Senate and House "and they all had some kind of an excuse. Since they didn't accept our invitation, I don't know if they want any of our votes." Atlanta, Ga.

Speaker Martin was preceded by Representative Chester H. Gross, Republican, of Pennsylvania, who told the group:

"You want to hear him because Joe Martin might be your next President." Wed. 2-4-48

Mr. Martin told the conference that the one fundamental thing the group should work for was the complete education of all colored people, He was introduced by Mr. Wilson.

In his address last Friday night Senator William Langer, Republican, of North Dakota, told the conference that the Senate Civil Service Committee, of which he is chairman, is currently investigating race discrimination in the classified service with a view towards its abolition. Atlanta, Ga.

More than 300 delegates from twenty-eight states, the District of Columbia and the Bahamas attended the conference. Governors of fourteen states sent representatives. Daily World

Mr. Hueston told the opening session of the conference last Thursday that the Elks' attack on adult illiteracy was being made in conjunction with the adult illiteracy program being carring on by Dr. Ambrose Caliver, specialist on Negro education in the United States Office of Education. Dr. Caliver also spoke at the opening session. Wed. 2-4-48

CONFERENCE SPEAKER

Other speakers at the conference included: Daily World

Dr. Horace Mann Bond, president of Lincoln University (Pennsylvania); Major David A. Lane, Information and Education Division, Army Department; Miss Ella W. Griffin and Dr. R. O. Johnson, Office of Education; Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, professor of education, Howard University;; W. E. Combs, Florida A. and M. College. Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Janet McAllister, Miner Teacher College; Colonel Campbell C. Johnson, Office of Selective Service Records; Mrs. Helen Baker, Southern school for Workers; Joseph F. Albright, Veterans' Administration; Eugene Rhodes, editor of the Philadelphia Tribune; Dr. Roscoe Brown, United States Public Health Service; J. Mercer Burrell, grand director, Elks' Junior Herd. Wed. 2-4-48

Dr. Garnet C. Wilkinson, first assistant superintendent of schools, District of Columbia; James A. Jackson, grand director, Elks' department of economics; Dr. Miles B. Conner Baltimore, and Edgar P. Westmoreland, director of vocational education, divisions 10-13, Washington public schools. 2-4-48

Editor Gets Elk Post, Son

The Afro-American
Baltimore, Md

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif.— J. Robert Smith, former AFRO city editor, now editor and publisher of the Tri-County Bulletin was unanimously elected ruler of Arrowhead Lodge of Elks and blessed with the arrival of an eight-pound baby boy. Sat. 4-10

He is named for his father. The infant's mother is the only colored teacher in the city school system. Smith is also a member of the San Bernardino City Recreation Commission. 2-14-48

Uphold Suspension Of Brooklyn Elks

The Defender
Chicago, Ill.

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Delegates Walk Out On Wallace At Ohio Elk Meet

The Defender
Chicago, Ill.
Sat. 2-7-48

CINCINNATI, Ohio—Nearly 3,000 Elk delegates who filled about half of the sweltering north auditorium of Music Hall turned out Tuesday night to hear Henry Wallace's bitter speech on "repression scarcity and war."

At the end of his 35-minute harangue, there were less than 1,000 in the hall. Most of the delegates received his talk very coldly. Only three times did they interrupt him by ripples of applause.

Brooklyn Elks Lodge Acquires $30,000 Club

Chicago Defender
Sat. 2-7-48

BROOKLYN—Lodge No. 32 of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World has taken over operation of the $30,000 Club 78, 78 Herkimer St., here, it was announced Saturday by Exalted Ruler Jesse L. Vann.

Mr. Vann said the lodge has taken a long term lease on the property, one time the headquarters of the 17 Assembly District Republican Invincible Club,

NO BIT PLAYERS, ALL STARS:

Elks' Jubilee Parade Is Colossal Spectacle

By DOUGLASS HALL

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Approximately 30,000 Elks, dressed in fancy gold-colored uniforms that cost no less than half a million dollars, presented a parade here last Tuesday dazzled more than 100,000 cheering spectators.

It was something more than a clad drum majorettes "jived" be- parade. It was a mammoth, the- neath the 97-degree sun. Old per- atrical production such as the old- sons with swelling feet, middle- est citizen here confess they have aged folk with weakened knees never seen before. and aching backs, little children

Music was furnished by 15 of the tired and perspiring made up the top bands of the nation. Sparsely- cast of this glamorous production.

Absent for First Time

During most of the p... expensively decorated ... was to bear the "star," ... alted Ruler J. Finley W... empty. Just before it ... Government Square, wh... viewing stand was lo... members of the execu... mittee, J. E. Kelley, gr... tary and T. E. Greene, g... urer, climbed aboard. ... held up about ... aiting for the ... ly had to pro-

Really Golden, Down to Tooth

But there was so much going on in the streets of this city, today, that such a little "mix-up" was ignored. It was a golden jubilee and they really poured on the gold— golden dresses, golden tiaras, golden badges, caps, shoes, purses. One man had a perfectly good tooth covered with gold for this occasion.

Some of the women marched re- splendent in pure white satin and silk. Many were attired in sedate black, while others were arrayed in all the hues of purple, brown, red and yellow.

There were many magnificent "color" that he floats—each one shot with color that made it look like a pyrotechnical display and each laden with

"That is the ... s happened," ... ceed without him. "T... first time that has hap... was told.

About half dozen bl... the finishing line Mr. ... rived and climbed aboa... it to the grand exalted ... make up for the "colo... missed by being late.

He summoned a spe... special police

a cargo of handsomely dressed men, women and children.

Outstanding were a group of women wearing gowns of half a century ago, when the order was founded. Another group of women, national officers, all in white lace, with enormous white lace hats, won applause.

10-Month Infant Goes Distance

The girls of Senorita Drill Patrol of Columbus, Ohio, made a hit in their pristine white silk; the Elks Marching Club of Columbus won honors by handsome appearance and precision, and the Tuxedo group from Knoxville, Tenn., in white tuxedos with white gloves and black handkerchiefs and carnations, looked mighty aristocratic.

The youngest member of the cast was little Rodie C. Morgan, who is 10 months old. She was pushed in a carriage by her mother in the broiling hot sun through the entire length of the parade. They hail from New York.

Despite the great heat (97 degrees) marchers kept their coats buttoned, and at least one drum major wore an enormoous white shako, keeping it on to the very end.

One marcher laughed at the heat—he carried a six-inch parasol.

Flings Baton 50 Feet—Catches It

Each drum corps was led by imposing drum majors or majorettes, all were marvelously skillful in twirling their batons. Joseph Daniels, 18, Buffalo, N.Y., perhaps setting a record when he repeatedly flung his twirling baton into the air for 50 feet, always successfully catching it.

While the parade was gaudy and gay, one float, with men representing the group who founded the lodge 50 years ago, had an aspect of solemnity—for all the dignified old men portrayed on it wore black dress suits.

Near the "old men" marched the tiniest tots in the show—girls, aged five, six, dressed in white, marching forward under the watchwords, "Fidelity, Charity, Brotherly Love."

On Government Square a dozen persons fainted. They were lifted to sitting positions and then fanned. Now and then a mighty wave of humanity surged behind ropes in the square, only to be moved back by the 10 policemen on duty there.

Along Fountain Square and at other points in the line of march, spectators joined in the dance as the majorettes whooped it up.

The loudest cheer was for the Civil Liberties float, decorated with most of the flags of the United Nations. Henry Wallace followed the float in a car.

The parade scheduled to run for six hours lasted less than three. It was 45 minutes late starting.

Elk Head Re-elected, Given $10,000, Vows Never to Return to Cincinnati

By DOUGLASS HALL
(Special AFRO Correspondent)

CINCINNATI, Ohio—Calling this session "the worst convention in my 27 years connected with the Elks," Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson told the AFRO-AMERICAN that he planned "never again to return to this city."

Mr. Wilson, who was re-elected on Tuesday, seemed to be peeved mostly because of "the cheap dollar dance" which was given in honor of his birthday. He called it an insult to him and his wife.

Earlier, he named several grievances against city officials, but it seemed as if they have been corrected. He told me on Thursday that "city officiais had been fine to the convention." Earlier he charged the police department here as being "unco-operative."

Mr. Wilson's gripe seemed to have boiled down to what he called the revived Age and the prposed a "Family Affair." He attempted to close out Wednesday but had to delay an important business session while loyal supporters gave him more than $10,000 in birthday dollars.

Dr. E. H. Copeland's motion that $5,000 be taken from the grand treasury and given to Mr. Wilson was passed without a single "No." Dr. Copeland is from Philadelphia.

Downtown businessmen contend that they lost $5,000 in trade as a result of the Elks' Parade.

Contest Winners Announced

Miss Mary E. Gains, East Orange, N.J., won first prize in the oratorical contest.

Winners in the beauty contest held Wednesday night were as follows: First, Miss Allevia Smith, Norfolk, Va.; second, Iris Prillerman, Charleston, W. Va.; and third, Cecelia Mitchell, Memphis.

Mr. Wilson indicates that there was much more "family-trouble" which he offered to explain in a later meeting, "Why I don't even have an office where I can see anybody" he stated.

At almost every session he has sharply criticized the local Cincinnati committee for its inefficiency.

However, the general run of delegates seemed to be enjoying themselvs. Even officials close to the grand ruler say that because of the heavy business schedule, the convention will not end until Friday.

Mrs. Gordon Re-elected

Elizabeth Gordon was re-elected ruler of Daughter Elks.

After the surprise move in which Wilson was re-elected for another two-year term, some 30,000 Elks, gathered here for their 50th annual convention, marched in a 3½ hour parade which was viewed by some 100,000 persons who crowded the downtown streets, Tuesday.

The election of Mr. Wilson, scheduled for Friday, was held during the morning session at Music Hall on Tuesday when hardly more than 200 delegates were present.

After his annual report had been read by Roscoe C. Simmons, a motion was made to re-elect the grand exalted ruler by acclamation and it was passed unanimously.

Wallace Forced to Wait

While this was going on, Henry A. Wallace, Progressive candidate for president, scheduled to address the Elks at 11 a.m., cooled his heels in an outer hall.

Some 45 minutes later, he was admitted to the session but was unable to speak until movie cameramen had taken some pictures.

In order to make na impressive showing, it was necessary to call in Daughter Elk representatives, who were holding a separate session elsewhere.

Attacks Truman, Dewey

Declaring that "jim crow is the offspring of profit-mad tycoons wedded to the proposition of divide and rule," Mr. Wallace told the group that the setup keeps profits high and wages low.

Attacking both, President Truman and Governor Dewey, he said that each had contributed to the gradual denial of civil rights to the American people, especially the minority groups.

"What a comment it is upon the status quo," he said, "when the spokesmen for 15,000 Americans had to come to the United Nations to charge that their homeland, the land of Lincoln and Roosevelt, denied them an abundant life, a peaceful life, a free and equal life."

It was the Truman-Dewey combine, along with John F. Dulles, a man sponsored by both, which brought about the UN's rejection of the NAACP petition. The three, he explained "directed the United States delegation to vote against the South Africans' petition for equality."

When the parade began at 1:30 p.m., the thermometer registered 97 degrees—the hotest day this city has experienced this summer and reputedly the second hottest in its history.

Following the parade the Elks attended a baseball game between two local teams.

For the first time in his life, Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson was not present for the start of the parade but caught up with the marchers after they had passed the reviewing stand in front of the post office.

A second reviewing stand in front orf the courthouse, set up for city officials, was unoccupied.

15 Bands in Parade

The praaders, covering a 2½ mile route which took them through the downtown section and back to their startnig point, completed the distance by 4:55 p.m. There were 15 bands in the parade and close to 300 city policemen on duty to handle the crowd.

Probably the most striking float in the parade was the one depicting the founding fathers of Elkdom on which rode Elk delegates in black formal attire, wearing stovepipe hats.

Getting the most applause was a civil rights float. Another applause getter was Paul R. Oliver, blind Elk of Philadelphia who was guided through the parade by his seeing-eye dog.

Madam Charys Goodblood, whose weight is probably over 300 pounds and, who bills herself as the "heavyweight champion female bicyclist," entertained the spectators with some trick riding.

urally favored Mel Patton because he is Patton's coach at college. He added though, that Patton is the type of athlete who will not allow himself to be favored.

Paris appeared to be the favorite place visited. Both men and women of the team stated that Paris was "great."

J. FINLEY WILSON

J. Finley Wilson Chosen As Grand Exalted Ruler For 27th Straight Term

CINCINNATI—The Improved Benevolent Order of Elks of the World touched off its golden jubilee celebration in a convention that saw the reelection of J. Finley Wilson to his 27th consecutive term as Grand Exalted Ruler last week.

One of the high points of the session was the decision to consider a $100,000 self-help industrial program. The 60,000 delegates from 48 states and half a dozen foreign countries voted to take the convention to San Francisco.

The concurrent session of the Grand Temple, presided over by Grand Daughter Ruler Elizabeth Ross Gordon of Washington, helped swell the number of dele-

gates and visitors that taxed the city's hotel and recreation facilities.

Parent Lodge Host

Host to the convention was Alpha Lodge I, whose exalted ruler is Atty. Joseph H. Fulton. Alpha Lodge, the parent of the organization, was founded 50 years ago by B. F. Howard.

Drawing thousands of participants and spectators was the traditional arade. It wound through the center of Cincinnati, with Iris Prillerman of Norfolk, Va., Exalted Ruler Wilson was given a present of the Elk bathing beauty contest was Allolevia Smith of Norfolk, Va., and Cecelia birthday party. Grand "62." He was re-elected for the 27th consecutive time.

George Vaughan of St. Louis, made a plea on behalf of the Democratic party.

In the convention sidelights, 15-year-old Mary Elizabeth Gaines of East Orange, N. J., won the $1,000 scholarship and $50 cash offered for the best oratory on the Negro and the Constitution.

Eastern Star Lodges Praise Memphis Meet

MEMPHIS — Excelsior Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Tennessee Jurisdiction, convened in its 66th Annual Communication here August 1-4, 1948.

Memphis, known for its civic pride and hospitality, has several excellent Eastern Star Chapters, and the slogan throughout the state was "On to Memphis, citadel of the southland and Eastern Star stronghold, for the finest meeting ever held."

There was an awakened and revived interest in Eastern Star Chapters throughout the state, and many new chapters have sprung up and are growing rapidly. Among these are the Atomic and Ethel B. Beck Chapters situated at Oak Ridge and Gallatin, respectively. The revived interest, growth and expansion point inevitably to outstanding leadership in the State Grand Chapter.

Heading Excelsior Grand Chapter are the following: W. A. Graham, Nashville, Grand Worthy Patron; Mrs. Ethel B. Beck, Knoxville, Grand Worthy Matron; B. W. Hayes, Johnson City, Associate Grand Patron; Mrs. F. M. Brewster, Chattanooga, Associate Grand Worthy Matron; Mrs. Alice Arledge, Nashville, Honored Grand Treasurer; Mrs. Rosa Whitson, Memphis, Honored Grand Secretary; Mrs. A. L. Williams, Nashville, Honored Grand Conductress; Mrs. Estelle Jones, Memphis, Associate Grand Conductress, and Mrs. I. M. Dean, Memphis. C. C. F. C.

PRINCE HALL MASONS MAKE $1000.00 CONTRIBUTION TO SIPUEL

Grand Worthy Matron, Mrs. Blanch Bruner Assists In Fund Drive

SUPRISE GIFT RECEIVED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

"The Masonic lodges of this state will round out $2000.00 for the Ada Lois Sipuel case" declared Amos T. Hall, grand master of Prince Hall Masons, A. A. and A. M., jurisdiction of Oklahoma, who along with Mrs. Blanch M. Bruner, and grand matron of the Eastern Star, has been sent funds from all over Oklahoma for the Ada Lois Supiel case.

Attorney Hall surprised the executive committee meeting in the office of the P[illegible]ck Dispatch, when he presented checks from sixty-four lodges and Eastern Star units totaling $995.00.

"This represents just about half of the lodges" said Attorney Hall, who said that many other lodges had written in to the Masonic headquarters stating money was being raised with the exception of $133.50 contributed by the Eastern Star.

Here follows the list of lodges contributing and the amount subscribed:

Amity Lodge No. 236, Tulsa, $25.00; St. Paul Lodge No. 219, Duncan, $12.00; Eureka Lodge No. 14, Guthrie, $66.00; Trinity Lodge No. 84, Muskogee, $28.00; Lone Star Lodge No.. 49, Weleetka, $5.00, Pyramid Lodge No. 69, Tulsa, $30.00; Widows Son Lodge No. 11, Chickasha, $10.00; Eastern Light No. 100, Haskell, $5.00; Creek Lodge No. 209, Checotah, $15.00; Seven Star Lodge No. 76, Hugo, $5.85; Morning Star, U. D, Welleston, $5.00; Harmony Lodge No. 174, Boynton, $6.00; Golden Lodge No. 207, Castle, $15.00; Fred Douglass Lodge No. 64, Hoffman, $5.00; Bethel Lodge No. 138, Beggs, $11.00; Luther Lodge No. 13, Luther, $10.00; Red Bird Lodge No. 152, Red Bird, $6.00; Friendship Lodge No. 79, Tatums, $7.00; Paradise Lodge No. 54, Eufaula, $7.50; Mt. Triumph Lodge No. 93, Madill, $2.50; Watonga Lodge No. 6, Watonga, $5.00; Payson Lodge No. 73, Payson, $11.00; Pilgrim Home Lodge No. 56, Wilburton, $13.00; Climax Lodge No. 116, Boley, $25.00; Coal Creek Lodge No. 88, Tulsa, $10.00; Pride of Alsuma No. 227, Tulsa, $20.00; Middle Chamber No. 32, Chandler, $8.00; Brdight Day Lodge No. 165, Arcadia, $10.00; Silver Crown Lodge No. 66, Hugo, $13.25; Fidelity Lodge No. 136, Sapulpa, $10.00; Washita Lodge No. 16, Anadarko, $5.50; Eagle Lodge No 125, Stroud, $14.00; Mt. Zion Lodge No. 223, Hominy, $13.50; St. Luke Lodge No. 36, Snyder, $5.00; Hiram Lodge No. 94, Purcell, $5.50;Rising Star Lodge No. 101, Atoka, $20.00; Sunrise Lodge No. 8, El Reno, $23.00; Golden Victory Lodge No. 4, Hennessey, $40.00; Union Lodge No. 164, Ada, $11.00; Rising Star Lodge No. 208, Poteau, $2.50; Radium Lodge No. 178, Claremore, $10.00; Colbert Star No. 52, Colbert, $5.00: Rosie Lee No. 166, Nowata, $14.75; Lone Oak No. 155, Oktaha, $10.00; Shady Grove No. 28, Muldrow, $10.00; Webber Lodge No. 26, Ponca City, $23.75; High Twelve No. 55, Stringtown, $5.00; Rising Star Lodge No. 18, Lawton, $5.00; Pride of Tulsa No. 63, Tulsa, $11.00; St. John No. 53, Hartshorne, $25.00; Eureka Lodge No. 109, Vinita, $25.00; Parker Simmons No. 192, Drumright, $6.00; Snake Creek No. 37, Bixby, $4.50; Semipole Lodge No. 194, Seminole, $20.00; St. Luke No. 87, Bentiesville, $5.00; Mistletoe Lodge No 31, Lawton, $63.00; Golden Comfort No. 92, Pauls Valley, $5.00; Rock of Ages No. 214, Sand Springs, $5.00; Brotherhood Lodge No. 58, Grant, $16.00; Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 19, Seward, $5.00; Mt. Hope No. 96, Okmulgee, $25.00; St. John Lodge No. 105, Wagoner, $10.80; Evergreen Lodge No. 181, Coweta, $22.20.

Total received by grand master's office, $875.35. Sent to Dr. Williamston direct by lodge, $17.00. Total Masonic Lodge contributions 892.35.

Prince Hall Grand Lodge Of Free And Accepted Masons Wage Court Battle For Oklahoma Rights

The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and accepted Masons of the state of Oklahoma have been waging a heated battle this week in the district court of Tulsa county, asking that the Eureka Grand Lodge of the National Grand Lodge of Free and accepted ancient York Masons be enjoined from operating under the Masonic name

Amos T. Hall, attorney and Grand Master of the Prince Hall group pointed out in his arguments that as fast as his group 'puts down one lodge,' another springs up under the name of Free Masonry.

The latter group claims that its rights date back to 1897 when a lodge was chartered at Guthrie.

PRINCE HALL FOUNDED AT BOSTON

It was brought out in Tuesday's sessions that the Prince Hall lodge which was founded in Boston, the cradle of Negro Masonry, is the only true Negro Masonic order in the United States, and any other operating group are not only unauthorized but in violation.

Prince Hall order has approximately 150 lodges in the state and hold their annual meeting each August from the Masonic Temple erected in Boley in early 1900 and have offices established in Tulsa for the Grand Master, Grand secretary and used by all of the Grand officers. Their work in the State of Oklahoma is statewide and the brothers are accepted as true Masons by members of other races.

On the other hand the Eureka group has 20 or more lodges set up in Oklahoma and continually fight among themselves.

More than 200 Masons from the State of Oklahoma (Prince Hall [illegible] the [illegible] of Judge Ladner to assist their Master in whatever way possible. Many left their jobs for the week to be present and to preserve the rights of Masonry.

Appearing as a witness in the trial was Harry S. Thomas, Senator from the 25th District of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Thomas is the author of the book "The History of Free Masonry" and is the deputy for Foreign Relations for the United Supreme Council. Scottish Masonic order with headquarters at Philadelphia. His appearance at the trial will have much effect toward the proving of what group is in violation of the Masonic rights.

Prior to the proceedings, Judge Ladner announced that upon hearing the testimony of the two lodges he would decide which lodge was correct and when the decision was made there would be no other lodge in Oklahoma; but should one arise the participants would be subject to a jail sentence.

The Prince Hall Lodge presented as evidence to their legitimacy the following exhibits: Disposition, facsimile of their original charter, a picture presenting the charter, the Proceedings of the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge dated Dec. 19, 1895 and a roster of Grand Lodges of Free Negro Masonry in which they are listed.

Johnson Elected Sigma's President

300 Delegates Attend Sessions in Atlanta

ATLANTA — Dr. R. O. Johnson, assistant director in the U. S. Office of Education, was elected national president of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity at its 33rd annual convention held at Butler St. YMCA here Dec. 27-30.

Dr. Johnson takes the post which formerly was held by George A. Parker, dean of Robert H. Terrell Law School in Washington, who presided during the conference sessions. Some 300 delegates attended the four-day convention.

Dr. Brown Vce President

Other officers chosen were:

Dr. Felix J. Brown, vice president; Julius Thomas of Chicago, junior vice president; Linwood W. Brown, Richmond, secretary; Dr George L. Hightower, treasurer;

S. Edward Gilbert, St. Louis, director of bigger and better business; Horace Johnson, II, Chicago, director of education; L. F. Morse, chaplain; and George A. Parker, director of social action.

The group, which last Sunday sponsored a public mass meeting at Allen Temple AME Church at which Bishop W. J. Walls spoke passed resolutions supporting rec ommendations of the President's Committees on Civil Rights and Education.

Masons in Okla. Sue to Check New Lodge

TULSA, Okla. — (NNPA) — Masonic Grand Lodge officials filed suit in district court last Saturday to restrain seven defendants from using the name "Mason" in the formation of a lodge alleged to be unauthorized by the grand lodge.

Amos Hall, grand master and one of the attorneys that filed the suit, alleged that the defendants have associated themselves together as a lodge of Masons and have proposed to use the same secret ceremonies used by the bona fide groups.

Members of the plaintiff lodges will be "irretrievably" damaged if the defenlants are not restrained, the petition contends. Defendants are R. D. Draper, J. W. Farr, W. S. Pogue, H. W. Burleigh, Andrew L. Johnson, H. Thomas, B. Hart and Pleas Ford.

MARSHALLS EXPECT HEIR

After eighteen years of marriage he Thurgood Marshalls of New York (NAACP attorney) expect a heir. The event is scheduled for May

CHARTER DENIED TO SCOTTISH RITE MASONS

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts turned down an application for a Charter by William A. Howard and St. Clair Kirton on behalf of an organization calling itself the Eureka Alpha Grand Lodge Scottish Rite A. F. and A. M. of Colored Masons of Massachusetts.

Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Jurisdiction of Massachusetts, objected to the issuance of a charter to the Scottish Rite body on the grounds, first, that it was not a charitable organization and second that it was not composed of legitimate Masons and had no right or authority to use the words or name Mason or Freemasons.

The hearing extended over a period of two months in order to give Messrs. Howard and Kirton an opportunity to produce evidence of their organization's origin, or records to show that they had dispensed charity in any appreciable amount.

One of the chief witnesses for the Prince Hall Masons was George W. Crawford, 33rd degree, Lieutenant Grand Commander United States Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry (Prince Hall Affiliation) Northern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., Inc.

Mr. Crawford stated that he did non want to be unkind, but the truth compelled him to testify that the very name of the organization labeled them a spurious and clandestine group.

In attempting to prove their right to the use of the name Freemason or Mason, Mr. Kirton spoke vaguely of some recognition given a John G. Jones in some foreign country forty years ago. He was, however, unable to produce any letters, books, or documents to back up his claim.

Another objector to the granting of a charter to the Eureka Alpha was Melvin M. Johnson, 33rd degree Sovereign Grand Commander of the White Supreme Council and a Past Grand Master of Massachusetts. Mr. Johnson stated that in all his study of Negro Freemasonry he had never heard of any legitimate organization such as the one described by Kirton and Howard.

Panama Masons, Enter York Masonic Fold

Negro Masons of the Republic of Panama have recently been granted affiliation in the York Masonic Order by National Grand Master W. L. Turner, according to E. T. Swift, Grand Secretary, State of Alabama.

The result culminated some delightful negotiations between Dr. Turner and Mr. E. H. Bryan, D. T. G. M. of Panama, and is the first victory of the National Grand Masters' practical plan to unify all Negro Masonry.

Another distinctive achievement for the York-Rites under the superb leadership of Dr. Turner was the recent consolidation of certain Grand Lodge Offices in Alabama to assure efficiency and dispatch in the secretarial work of the Craft, which in turn accelerated the speed of paying a claim in the state.

Under the improved set-up a claim was paid at the funeral of a deceased brother which was held Thursday, Jan. 8th, at Trinity A. M. E. Zion Church, Ensley, Ala.

Under the 1948 slogan, "We pay a claim as quickly as any and quicker than most fraternal societies," the Craft is taking on new life all over the state.

PLAN MASONIC TEMPLE

RICHMOND, — (ANP) — A $350,000 Negro Masonic temple with a 3,000 capacity auditorium and other modern facilities is planned for Richmond, it was announced last week by E. A. Norrell, local attorney and most worshipful grand master of the Richmond lodge and state organization.

Carter Still Heads Prince Hall Masons

The City of Champaign Ill., was the scene of the 82nd Annual Communication of the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. and A. M. of Illinois, headed by Ashby B. Carter of Chicago, M. W. Grand Master, the week of October 11 to 14, as the guest of Lone Star Lodge 18. All records were broken in attendance.

Memorial Service, held at Bethel AME church, October 11, preceded the opening session.

In his annual address at the opening session, Grand Master Ashby B. Carter pointed with pride to the many accomplishments during the past fraternal year. The reports of Grand Treasurer George A. Cross and Grand Secretary J. Harold White indicated gains numerically and financially.

At the Wednesday session, a delegation from the adoptive rites, lead by Mrs. Lavonia H. Brown, Worthy Grand Matron, Eureka Grand Chapter, OES, visited the Grand Lodge and reported on their activities in refurnishing the Prince Hall and OES Home at Rock Island Ill.

This Home, the property of Prince Hall Masons of Illinois, is valued at two hundred thousand dollars. The Grand Lodge has purchased the building at 5517-19 Michigan ave., Chicago, which is to be converted into a Grand Lodge Temple.

The public reception was held Tuesday evening, and the Grand Ball Wednesday evening, at the Douglas Community Center.

The election of officers was held at the Wednesday afternoon session with the results as follows:

M. W. Grand Master, Ashby B. Carter, Chicago; R. W. Deputy Grand Master, O. E. Vanderburg, Chicago; Grand Senior Warden, Dr. F. C. Rogan, Decatur; Grand Junior Warden, J. G. Hopkins, Villa Ridge; Grand Treasurer, George A. Cross, Villa Ridge; Grand Secretary, J. Harold White, Chicago; Grand Lecturer, Edward Davis, Chicago; Grand Auditors, Harry Wilson, Springfield, George M. Crisup, Chicago, Ben B. Haydon, East St. Louis; Grand Trustees, Walter Z. Martin, Chicago E. E. Caldwell, Chicago, G. W. King, East St. Louis, Dr. John C. Ellis, Decatur.

The 1949 Communication will be held at Carbondale, Ill.

Fake Masonic Lodge Head Is Held In Fraud

Fred Tims Jr. alias Dr. Tims, who calls himself "grand master" of a lodge he has named the "Interracial Grand Lodge of Missouri of the Free and Accepted York and Scottish Rite National Compact Masons" (which has no connection with the Masons if the Lodge exists, according to the police) was arrested Monday and charged with obtaining money under false pretenses.

Police received complaints from three men charging that Tims promised them construction jobs if they would pay $20 initiation fees to join his lodge. The three paid and one had his truck over hauled at the cost of $350.00 but the job never materialized. Tims promised the three men Robert Fariest, Jessie Wynder and James Moffett, who had his truck over hauled, $30.00 a day construction jobs for the $20.00 fee.

Tims was fined $300 last year when another of his lodge member complained that he had given him $143.00 in order to g et him a job in the police department where Tims said he had inside pull.

Dr. G. B. Key, most worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons of Missouri and its jurisdiction, is the only recognized grand master of legitimate Negro Masons in the State of Missouri. Dr. Key and his Prince Hall Masons are located at 3619 Easton avenue. "Dr." Tims and the clandestine's meet at Leonard and Easton avenues.

Englishman Greets New Masonic Head

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—Earnest L. Claiborne, superintendent of service of Hotel Van Curler here, was recently elected worshipful master of Tuscon Lodge of Masons. His elevation to this office was the occasion for congratulations from far off England—felicitations from an Englishman who was also installed worshipful master of his lodge last October.

Walter Brooke, who visited in this city last year, sent a letter to Mr. Claiborne thanking him for his kindness to him during his visit here. "I shall never forget," he said, "the great kindness you showed to both my wife and myself when we walked up to your office in the Hotel Van Curler and asked your help in trying to trace Mr. Cravener.

"The immense trouble you went to to help a complete stranger to locate a person who was deceased, but I did not know it, was a revelation to an Englishman like myself, and provided me with an object lesson in American hospitality and kindness that we people on this side of the Atlantic would do well to imitate, and we greatly admire.

Although I have stayed at many hundreds of hotels in Europe and Asia, Africa and both North and South America, including some of the most famous on these four continents, I have never received that personal service, that cooperation, and kindness you showed me which I shall long remember and appreciate."

Mr. Claiborne has received many letters from guests who have stayed at the Van Curler, but this letter from Mr. Brooke is the first he ever dreamed of, yet the visit to your city was well worth while because

Pogue Says Priority Issue Will Be Big Surprise to Hall

DRAPER PLEADS FOR PEACE

"Well, we're going to bat this time and find out who in actuality has Masonic priority in Oklahoma," declared Grand Master W. S. Pogue, of Eureka Grand Lodge, Wednesday morning when he arrived at the Black Dispatch office.

"I have never felt that this was an important issue," continued Pogue, "but since Grand Master Hall, without warning, sought a temporary injunction last week preventing members of my organization from holding a parade in Tulsa, I think we'll just make the members of Prince Hall Grand Lodge bring their priority papers in court." Pogue said the case would be heard Friday in a Tulsa court. "We're more than ready," declared Pogue.

Pogue said Eureka Grand Lodge was operating on a charter issued at Redlands, Indian Territory, in 1885, and he knew that the abandoned St. John Grand Lodge did not receive authority to operate until sometime after 1890. "If priority is what they want we are loaded down with it," said Pogue.

Grand Master Pogue brought a delegation to the Black Dispatch office with him and one of them, Rev. R. D. Draper, an official of the Tulsa lodge, enjoined from, issued the following formal statement, which he characterized as a sneak attack by the Prince Hall Masons:

BULLETIN

In a telephone conversation with Grand Master Spencer W. Pogue, Oklahoma City man who heads the Yorkrite Masons of the state, Mr. Pogue charged the St. John group with "back-tracking" in the lodge feud which was scheduled to be aired in a Tulsa court last Friday. Pogue said the St. John group had been the aggressor in the feud and presented a distinct surprise in asking postponement of the scheduled trial. A new trial date had not been set at press time.

The Sneak Attack

For many weeks prior to Sunday, December 28, 1947, the Eureka Grand Lodge of Oklahoma had been making state-wide preparations for a great meeting on the above date at Tulsa, Oklahoma. This fact was known to practically everybody in the state, including the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and its chief officers. But, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons waited until Saturday morning, December 27, 1947, before filing its law suit in the court for a temporary injunction to restrain and enjoin the Eureka Grand Lodge from holding its meeting. Hence, the Eureka Grand Lodge had no time to take any sort of court action looking to the vacation or modification of such order, because court in Tulsa closed at 12 noon on the 27th. The result was, the members of the Eureka Grand Lodge who came into Tulsa from all over the state in their cars and buses for the parade, were stopped from doing so by this exparte court order.

The Prince Hall Grand Lodge is something new in Oklahoma. It is supposed to be the successor to the St. John Ancient, Free and Accepted Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. Admittedly, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge is a Free and Accepted Grand Lodge. The St. John Grand Lodge was, or is, an Ancient, Free and Accepted Grand Lodge. The incorporation of the Eureka Grand Lodge in Oklahoma antidates the incorporation of both the St. John Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. and the Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons.

The Eureka Grand Lodge did not ask for this court battle. The Eureka Grand Lodge is Masonic. It does not believe in fighting other Masonic bodies and is only in this fight for its own preservation and protection. Although it was the first to incorporate in Oklahoma, the Eureka Grand Lodge has never, heretofore, claimed priority because of that fact nor ever attempted to keep other Masonic bodies from operating in Oklahoma. It believes that the tenets and principles of Masonry are as universal as the yearnings and heart-beat of man and that they can be no more limited or circumscribed to race, color or groups of men than Christianity. Masonry is not a commercial or profit-sharing organization and is not supposed to be sold and handled in the market places like so much commodity. Oklahoma is the only state in this union that uses priority as a stick by which to measure the right of Negro Masons to operate in this state. Other states have universally refused to recognize one Negro Masonic body over another—principally on the theory that they being charitable organizations there can be no property rights involved and no damages suffered by either.

Masonry is opposed to Hitlerism, just as it is opposed to speculation and money-making. It regards itself as a trustee of a sacred trust.

The Eureka Grand Lodge recognizes the fact that there are "other sheep that are not of its fold," and it appeals to them in the spirit of brotherhood to sheath their sword and let each group work for the common good—the uplift of man and the dissemination of the true Masonic spirit. This appeal is to Masons of Good-will all over the state.

The sneak attack that has been made on the Eureka Grand Lodge is, from the standpoint of Masonry, more despicable than the attack of Japan on Pearl Harbor. The Eureka Grand Lodge refuses, however, to believe that the fine men of Prince Hall Grand Lodge approve of or endorse this work of their leaders. We believe that they will condemn such tactics. We believe that they want peace, just as the Eureka Grand Lodge wants peace.

High Masons Will Convene Here First Time In 60-Year History

George McCormick, 33rd Degree Mason, who was recently installed at Illustrious Commander-in-Chief of Eureka Consistory, No. 29, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, this week announced plans for the coming Masonic convention here.

Commander-in-Chief McCormick stated that the Eureka Consistory and its four coordinate bodies are formulating plans to entertain the United Supreme Council of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the 33rd and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry for the Southern Jurisdction of the U. S. The body will convene in St. Louis October 17, 18, 19 in its 62 Supreme Council. It is the first meeting of the body here in its 60-year history.

The newly installed chief is also Past Master of Phoenix Lodge No. 79 F. & A. M., Past Worthy Patron of Zephaniah Chapter Order of Eastern Star, President of the Prince Hall Masonic Craftsmen's Club and is well known and active in social and civic affairs.

Class To Be Held

Eureka Consistory Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry will have a class to receive the 32 degree of Masonry in June, and in July many of this class are expected to be initiated into the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of which Robert Turner 33 degree, 2816 Easton is the Illustrious Potentate.

Officers of the four coordinate bodies of Eureka Consistory, A. A. S., R. M. are as follows:

(1) Corinthian Grand Lodge of Perfection, No. 29, Charles M. Finley, 32 degree, 4232 W. Evans avenue. Thrice Prusiant Grand Master.

(2) Doric Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 29. Most Wise and Perfect Master Elmer K. Rose, 33 degree, 1909 Goode Avenue.

(3) St. Aldermar Council of Kadosh, No. 29. Very Eminent Commander George R. Walker, 32 degree, 4363 Finney Avenue.

(4) Eureka Consistory, No. 29. Illustrious Commander-in-Chief George McCormick, 33 degree, 3726 Cook Avenue.

George W. Lewis, 33 degree, Grand Treasurer, 4341 Cook avenue; B. F. Small, 33 degree, Grand Secretary, 2630 Gamble street; Walter J. Baker, 33 degree, Deputy Sovereign Grand Commander, for the Orient of Missouri, 4344 Evans avenue.

C. C. GEORGE McCORMICK

Tulsa Masons Seek Restraint

TULSA—(NNPA)—Officials of the Masonic Grand Lodge filed suit in district court last Saturday to restrain even Negro defendants from using the name "Mason" in the formation of a lodge alleged to be unauthorized by the grand lodge.

The suit was filed for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, and five subordnate lodges in Sand Springs, Alsuma, South Haven, Jenks and Dixby, Oklahoma.

Amos Hall, grand master and president of the lodge and one of the attorneys that filed the suit, alleged that the defendants have associated themselves together as a lodge of Masons and have proposed to use the same secret ceremonies used by the bona fide groups.

The petition states that the grand lodge has been informed that the defendants intend to establish the "Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons" which is "calculated to deceive persons who are not members" of the grand lodge and its subordinates.

Members of the plaintiff lodges will be "irretrievably" damaged if the defendants are not restrained, the petition contends.

Attorneys who filed the suit are Hall, L. J. Bickings, C. R. Nixon and Primus C. Wade.

The defendants are listed as R. D. Draper, J. W. Farr, W. S. Pogue, H. W. Burleigh, Andrew L. Johnson H. Thomas, B. Hart and Pleas Ford.

Cooke Again Heads National Odd Fellows

The Defender
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PHILADELPHIA—After re-electing Ernest D. Cooke, of Massachusetts, grand master, and naming Detroit for its 1950 convention, delegates to the national meeting of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America, adjourned here August 13, after a week of business sessions, a great parade and various social activities.

The opening session, held at Tindley temple, was open to the public. Welcome to the delegates was given by the Governor of Pennsylvania and the Mayor of Philadelphia.

Give Biennial Reports

Grand Master Cooke and M. W. G. S. Mrs. Alma B. Layton presented their biennial addresses the following day. New laws and amendments were considered, and several of them adopted, Wednesday. On Thursday, a colorful parade was held. The grand officers rode in automobiles, the juvenile members in a gorgeously decorated float.

The competitive drill was held at Reynolds Hall. Awards were made to Georgetown, D. C. Patriarchy No. 42; Washington Patriarchy No. 18, Philadelphia Patriarchy No. 197 and Women's Patriarchy No. 18.

On Thursday night the grand ball was held.

List New Officers

Other officers in addition to Grand Master Cooke are: Robert T. Thomas, Florida, deputy grand master; Jesse L. Nicholas, Maryland, grand secretary; A. T. Shirley, Virginia, grand treasurer; James F. Adair, New York; John A. Carey, Pennsylvania; Charles E. Armstrong, Ohio; William I. Lee, District of Columbia, and the Rev. William L. Wilson, South Carolina, grand directors. The grand auditors elected were: James M. Miller, New Jersey; James H. Black, Kentucky, and Jesse W. Rodgers, North Carolina.

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The following were chosen as officers of the Grand Household of Ruth: Alma B. Layton, Virginia, M. W. G. S.; Lillie B. Prattis, New York, R. W. G. S., Susie Jones, Massachusetts, G. W. R.; Ella Harris, Illinois, G. W. T.; Ida M. Harris, Maryland, G. W. U.; Mary E. White, District of Columbia, G. W. C.; Montez Harris, Florida, W. G. P.; Nettie Callis, New Jersey; G. W. Board of Governors; Elizabeth B. Delaney, Kentucky; Mable Keys, Pennsylvania, and Jesse L. Nicholas ex officio. Elected as officers of the Past Grand Masters Conference were George W. Derham, Rochester, N. Y., W. G. M.; George C. Webb, New York City, G. S., and

E. S. Chandler, New York City, D. G. M.

Odd Fellows Ruths Elect Officers, Adopt New Laws

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500 Attend Week's Session in Philly; Parade, Drill Held; Detroit Selected for 1950

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PHILADELPHIA

Delegates to the conference of the various sections of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America adjourned Friday, Aug. 13, after a week's time spent in deliberating sessions, a magnificent parade and various social festivities. The 500 delegates voted to hold the 1950 biennial movable conference in Detroit.

Welcome addresses were made by representatives of the Governor of Pennsylvania and the Mayor of Philadelphia during the opening public session last Tuesday in Tindley Temple Methodist Church. Grand Master Ernest D. Cooke and Most Worthy Grand Superior Mrs. Alma B. Layton gave responses to the welcome.

Biennial Addresses

Grand Master Cooke and Mrs. Layton on the opening day, delivered their biennial addresses, giving a resume of the past two years.

Among speakers at Monday's meeting were:

E. Washington Rhodes, the Rev. D. W. Henry, pastor of Tindley Temple; Ernest D. Cooke of Boston, grand master; Robert L. Thomas of Jacksonville, Fla., deputy grand master; the Rev. J. Winsmore Mason of Harrisburg, Pa;

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Willie L. Wilson of Spartanburg, S.C., C. E. Brown of Unity Lodge No. 711, James F. Adair of New York City, grand director; Millie A. Grey of Pennsylvania District Household No. 3;

Mrs. Layton, R. E. Lee of the past grand masters' council; George W. Derham of Rochester, N.Y., Mrs. Mabel M. Keys of the Order of Eastern Star;

Magistrate Hobson R. Reynolds, William I. Lee of Washington, grand director; Joseph Faison, insurance company president; and Henry P. Slaughter, editor of the Odd Fellows' official organ.

Wednesday was given over to e consideration of propositions or new laws and amendments to he order's General Laws.

On Thursday a colorful street parade was held. Patriachs, mounted and on foot, marched. The Grand officers rode in automobiles, and juvenile members rode in a gorgeously decorated float.

The competitive drill was held in Reynolds Hall, N. Broad St. Winners were: First prize to Georgetown, D.C., Patriarchy No. 42; second to Washington, Patriarchy No. 18; third to Patriarchy No. 197, Philadelphia. Women's Patriarchy Auxiliary No. 18 was awarded first prize. On Thursday night the grand ball was held.

Changes in Laws

Of proposed legislation under consideration by the delegation, it was made compulsory that members of the patriarchies must maintain continuous membership in the Past Grand Masters Council.

The per capita taxes for members of lodges and households of Ruth was increased from 20% to 80%.

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A law also was adopted creating a commission to foster a program to stimulate the recruiting of new members, the work of the commission to be submitted to the 31st biennial movable conference in 1950.

The "special assessment" for District Grand Lodges was limited to a maxium of 35¢, to be paid by members of lodges and households of Ruth.

Grand Officers

The B.M.C. elected the following grand officers:

Ernest D. Cooke, Mass., grand master; Robert T. Thomas, Fla., deputy grand master; Jesse L. Nicholas, Md., grand secretary; A. T. Shirley, Virginia, grand treasurer; James F. Adair, N.Y.; John A. Carey, Pa.; Charles E. Armstrong, Ohio; William I. Lee, District of Columbia; and the Rev. William L. Wilson, S.C., grand directors.

Grand auditors elected were: James M. Miller, N.J.; James H. Black, Ky.; and Jesse W. Rodgers, N.C.

Household of Ruth Officers

Officers chosen for the Grand Household of Ruth were:

Mesdames Alma B. Layton, Va., grand superior; Lillie B. Prattis, New York, R.W.G.S.; Susie Jones, Mass., G.W.R.; Ella Harris, Ill., G.W.T.; Ida M. Harris, Md., G.W.U.; Mary E. White, District of Columbia, G.W.C.; Montez Harris, Fla., W.G.P.; Nettie Callis, N.J., G.W. Board of Governors: Elizabeth B. DeLaney, Ky.; Mable Keys, Pa., and Jesse L. Nicholas (ex officio).

Elected as officers of Past Grand Masters conference were George W. Derham, Rochester, N.Y., W.G.M.; George W. Webb, NYC, G.S.; and E. S. Chandler, N.Y., D.G.M.

Shriners lawyer denounces civil disobedience program

BUFFALO, N. Y. — The appeal for civil disobedience to military service was denounced as un-American by Levi H. Morris, Chicago, attorney, in an article in Pyramid, official organ of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, released here this week.

Declaring that the appeal is "the exemplification of immature thought," Morris said, "Sympathizers of this diabolical plan ought to be castigated publicly."

"Definite methods are outlined for Americans to follow," Morris said, adding that justice "can be obtained by a resort to the courts." Political pressure short of mass hysteria is most desirable, he added. Civil disobedience would be unlawful and impracticable, the attorney stated. He gave more reasons for his opposition, as follows:

(1) tending to destroy much good-will already built up and stored in the favor of minorities: **and (2) even if legal, Negroes in America are not the mass of human beings who possess sufficient stick-to-it-tiveness to bring about the desired result.**

Morris said, "Human welfare and advancement can best be served by tried and true methods and not by some aping of foreign ideas peculiar to special classes of people.

"It is too late in the history of advancement of the American Negro for some 'leaders' to impose this theory upon the race," he went on, adding: "Our gains so far have been by arbitration, protest, intelligent action and a resort to the courts," he pointed out in ending his article.

"Those civil rights—based on the Constitution—seem to express the noblest of intentions. But in practical, everyday politics the shining issue often gets lost in the fog of conflicting realities. The white southern politicians do not forget the troubles that beset the South after the Civil War. In many areas in the South there are more Negroes than whites. The whites still hold in memory and fear the days when the victorious North, through power of an occupation army, put political power in the hands of fresh-freed and uneducated slaves and northern carpetbaggers." . . . James Marlow, AP news analyst

SHRINE CONVENTION SETS 'GUNS' FOR CIVIC ISSUES

Concerned With The Peoples' Problems

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 26—(Special)—Declaring that no race or nation can succeed unless all of the people are educated, and that leadership must stem from education, Raymond E. Jackson, Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Egyptan Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, pointed out the appalling lack of proper educational facilities for colored Americans in the Southern states. Shriners were called upon to exert their influence in seeing that educational standards all over the nation were raised and that proper laws were passed governing the training and hiring of qualified teaching personnel, at decent salaries.

He made this statement in a discussion of the several national and local problems coming before the Shriners in their 47th Annual Imperial Council convention August 15-20 in St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Jackson presented a powerful argument for Federal Aid to education. He emphasized that only through Federal Aid would it be possible to secure equalized school opportunities for all peoples of all areas. Turning to rural areas and Southern communities the Shriners' Imperial Potentate pointed out that the greater number of children lived in these areas, and they were being denied educational privileges under present regulations.

Listing other programs that were requiring the immediate attention of the nation's Shriners, Mr. Jackson said that "good housing, lowering of crime and disease and the securing of the ballot is high on the agenda of day to day activities of our membership."

He pointed out that much of the weakness inherent in our form of government comes from poor housing. Shriners are being urged to support progressive plans for the immediate elimination of the sore spots and the black ghettos.

In the matter of good health, Mr. Jackson said that the National Charity Department, which is presently operating under the **direction of Booker T. Alexander Imperial Promotional Director Detroit, Michigan, would provide more than $100,000 for Tuberculosis and Cancer research. Further it was declared that every Shriner was required to become a living exponent of improved sanitary laws and systems in even the remotest areas.**

"Shriners must become active in the furtherance of good health laws and living conditions for all human beings," Mr. Jackson stated.

Turning to the political trend Mr. Jackson pointed out that as an organization, the Shriners would not aline with or take part in partisan politics. But he did emphasize that the tenets of his order called upon the members to "exert a new leadership on the homefront to secure the rights already encouched in our national laws." Denouncing disfranchisement as American fascism he asserted that this type of rule is not acting for the economic and political improvement of our southern areas. Particularly were members of the Order residing in the Southern areas encouraged to aline with progressive movement fighting for the rights and privileges of all peoples.

Shrine Leader In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — Raymond E. Jackson, Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Egyptian Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrines of North and South America and Jurisdiction, arrived in Los Angeles from Buffalo, N. Y., last week.

Noble Joe L. Oliver met the Imperial Potentate at San Francisco May 10, where they visited Menelik Temple No. 36 of Oakland. After a visit to Egyptian Temple No. 5 the Potentate will go to San Diego where they will be guests of Wallace Noble, Potentate of San Diego's famed Temple.

Negro Shriners Contribute To Hubbard Hospital

Hella Temple No. 105 of the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine has authorized the donation of fifty dollars to the fund for Hubbard Hospital, according to C. D. Stamps, Illustrious Potentate of Hella Temple.

Potentate Stamps also announced that the Negro Shriners will conduct a house to house canvass this Sunday, June 27, to solicit additional funds from interested citizens for the campaign to save Hubbard Hospital. He is urging all Nobles of Hella Temple to meet at the Temple on Fourth Avenue Sunday morning at seven o'clock in order to receive their official credentials with which to make these solicitations. Noble William Fort will be on hand at the Temple to issue credentials and to give final instructions to the canvassers.

Patrick Henry's Old Home To Become National Shrine

For a long time the home where Patrick Henry lived and is buried was forgotten. Now it has become an American shrine.

The Henry home—Red Hill, in Charlotte county, Virginia—which was burned in 1919, is to be restored as it was in Patrick Henry's time, and furnished with the furniture and decorations that Patrick Henry had.

This great patriot won his first fame by demanding for colonial Virginians the rights of Englishmen. He won his greatest fame by demanding for all Americans complete freedom forever from England.

Although a slave-holder, Patrick Henry considered slave-holding an economic curse as well as a social evil. He was a lawyer by profession, and also a very successful politician.

By 1775 war was imminent. On March 23 Patrick Henry offered a resolution to organize the Virginia militia and put the colony in a state of defense. In supporting it he made his most famous speech, which closes with the declamation: "Give me liberty or give me death."

B. T. Washington Shrine Praised

RICHMOND, Va.—"A study of Virginia's historic shrines indicates that no memorial within the confines of the Old Dominion is credited with an impressive list of achievements such as those accomplished by the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial during the first two years of its existence," according to a statement released today by Henry L. Caravati, Richmond public relations consultant.

Caravati is assisting the officials of the Washington Memorial in establishing an Industrial Training Center for Negroes at the Booker T. Washington birthplace in Franklin County, Va.

Tuskegee Hosts 'Bama Shriners

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Annouucement is made that the Shriners of the Prince Hall affiliation of Alabama will meet at Tuskegee Institute, May 31, with Mizraim Temple 119 as host. This will be the second "Gala Day" affair. Noble B. T. Belsaw, Imperial Deputy of the Desert, Mobile, will give wholesome advice and instruction to both Nobles and Novices.

Potentate George W. Clark, Tuskegee Institute, made known last week that a large number of visiting Nobles from Temples in Alabama will be present for the occasion and that Mizraim Temple 119 plans a lively gathering on the occasion of this spring ceremonial.

Roland Hayes To Judge Shrine Talent Contest

To a young struggling artist, an audition by Roland Hayes, world famous tenor, is the thrill that comes once in a life time.

Syria Temple AEAONMS, in arranging to have Mr. Hayes act as one of the judges in its June 4 Talent Contest, has fathered this thrill for the 14 talented girls who have signed to appear in its second preliminary talent contest to be held June 4 at Butler Hall.

Mr. Hayes and the other judges will pick three contestants to appear in the final talent contest to be held late in June. The winner of the finals will receive as first prize an absolutely free trip to grant of St. Louis Mo. in August

Pa. Court Rules for D.C. Shriners

PHILADELPHIA

The Superior Court of Pennsylvania ended last week Imperial Potentate Raymond E. Jackson's suspended from the order without contest which was held in April.

being given a hearing on Aug. 14, 1946, by Potentate Jackson, five days before the annual Shriners convention was held.

On Aug. 21, 1946, the four filed a bill in the Common Pleas Court alleging that their suspension was in violation of the constitution and by-laws of the order and were granted an injunction on Aug. 26, by Judge Joseph Sloan, restraining the imperial potentate from interfering with apellees as representatives of Mecca Temple, thus voiding their ouster.

D. C. Court Refuses to Act

Contending that the courts were improperly interfering in the business of a foreign corporation by the reinstatement order, Mr. Jackson appealed the Pennsylvania case and instituted another suit in District Court in Washington asking that the Pennsylvania Common Pleas Court order be dismissed.

In August, 1947, the District Court dismissed the contention of the imperial potentate's counsel that the Common Pleas Court could not have ordered reinstatement for the ouster Shriners. Belford V. Lawson, and Raymond Pace Alexander, attorneys, represented the defendant quartet in the action.

In its ruling last week on Mr. Jackson's appeal, the Superior Court affirmed the Aug. 26, 1946, reinstatement decree of the Common Pleas Court, ruling that Judge Sloan had discretionary jurisdiction to interfere in the internal management of the fraternal order.

American Council on Human Rights

PURSUIT OF DEMOCRACY

Pool Leadership, Funds To Conduct Biggest Lobby Negroes Have Ever Had

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Pittsburgh, Pa

By MARJORIE McKENZIE

(The views expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily express the editorial opinion of The Pittsburgh Courier—The Editors.)

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THE TALENTED TENTH has done something new. In launching the American Council on Human Rights at a dinner at the Willard Hotel in Washington, Oct. 15, organized Negro intelligentsia turned its well-clothed backs on its own class struggle for upward mobility in favor of the caste struggle of the Negro people. Six Greek letter fraternities and sororities, representing 964 active undergraduate and graduate chapters and a membership potential of nearly 100,000 college-trained people, have pooled their leadership and funds and have buried their individual rivalries and joint snobbishness to conduct biggest full-time lobby Negroes have ever had.

M. McKenzie

This is what the Council's prospectus says its purpose is:

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"... to secure the extension of fundamental human and civil rights to all citizens within the United States and to contribute to the promotion of these rights for all peoples throughout the world. It will work primarily through the United States Congress and Federal Government . . . (and) will press for the passage of sound national legislation under the theory and with the faith that judiciously and effectively administered law can be a progressive force and that the American people . . . will respond favorably to legislation to correct admitted social evils."

In describing the program, the prospectus says further:

"The Council will carry on an education and public relations program among the members of its participating societies and the general public. It will organize social action campaigns to demonstrate effectively public support for its objectives. It will conduct research, gather factual data and serve as a clearing house for information on civil rights."

Very impressive, of course, but the inescapable inquiry will be made as to whether the purpose, which comes down to the specific objectives of working for the passage of FEPC, anti-poll tax, anti-lynching, anti-segregation and liberal housing legislation, does not sound suspiciously like the NAACP, itself a lobby project of experience and success. And many of the program functions resemble those of the American Council on Race Relations.

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The only excuse for duplication, if any, would be the atrophy of the original organization, and even in such instance, perhaps the wiser course is to invade it with new leadership and to restore it with pump-priming. Beyond the fact that the NAACP has concentrated on the prosecution of cases in the courts and has considered lobbying only one of its functions, is the sharp realization on the part of the rest of Negro leadership that it has been cut off from everything but the lowest echelon activity in the organization.

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THE STRUCTURE of the NAACP, and very largely its personnel, became static a quarter of a century ago. The people in local NAACP chapters have no relation to the national office except to send half of the money they raise for its support. They neither nominate nor elect part or all of the national board. That body is self-perpetuating. The extent of local discontent over this state of affairs may be seen in the stormy protest which follow d the Board's recent dismissal of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois from the staff.

The protest began to swell before the facts were known. Local people didn't care about the facts. They had found a peg on which to hang their resentment of the undemocratic structure and conduct of NAACP affairs, and they saw in the DuBois incident a reflection of the high-handed autonomy of NAACP leadership. There are no channels through which to alter NAACP policy nor to participate in its planning. The American Council has 964 channels, all of them going concerns, and its board of directors serve on a representative basis from each member society and are chosen by democratic methods. Ultimate control is out in the field, in the grass roots, where Congressmen and Senators live and breathe and hope to get re-elected.

THE COUNCIL'S paper work is a necessary corollary of its action program. There is no such thing as having too many facts about discrimination. Some of the facts change every minute, without any organization's doing anything to bring the change about. If the American Council on Race Relations keeps up with with this kaleidoscope, the information must be in the files of its Chicago office in an unprocessed and unpublished state. One of the difficulties about research is that it is done by scholars and they are supported in their activities either by philanthrophy, universities or Government

As for the possible participation of other national organizations in the lobby program, the Council's democratic structure should assure a democratic policy toward expansion.

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56 Inducted Into N. C. Greek Units

RALEIGH, N. C.—Fifty-six students were inducted into Greek letter organizations in ceremonies recently completed at Shaw University. Twenty-five of this number were students at St. Augustine's College, where chapters of the several organizations soon may be installed. Three sorority chapters and three fraternity groups are represented on the Shaw campus. They include Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Kappa Alpha, and Zeta Phi Beta Sororities, and Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega Psi Phi and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternities.

Progress vs Prejudice

Those who think that progress cannot be made in the struggle against prejudice should consider what is happening in college fraternities and sororities.

In 1946 the 13 fraternities at Amherst College were told that they had to abolish racial and religious discrimination. They all agreed.

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An honorary journalistic sorority at Hunter College withdrew from its national organization because of a discriminatory clause against Negroes.

Honorary societies at the University of Chicago may not continue in existence unless they abolish discriminatory practices.

National fraternities and sororities may not establish chapter at Arizona State College if their constitutions discriminate on the basis of race creed, or color.

The University of Minnesota's Inter-fraternity Council has agreed to abolish discrimination in fraternities. The Pan-Hellenic Council has taken similar action where sororities are concerned.

An honorary law fraternity at the University of Wisconsin withdrew from its national in order to admit members of every race and creed. At the University of Vermont a sorority, was willing to have its charter revoked by its national office rather than bar Negroes from membership.

The University of Colorado has refused to approve new societies honorary and social, which have constitutions limiting membership in terms of race or religion. The University of Washington will not grant recognition to any new organization having religious or racial restrictions on membership eligibility.

Local inter-faith and inter-racial fraternities have been organized at Ohio State, Ohio Wesleyan, Marietta, Baldwin Wallace—with similar groups on the way at Bucknell and Minnesota.

Prejudice knows no boundaries. Neither does the offensive against it. And America is on the offensive against it. We are making progress. Join the fight against prejudice—NOW—where-ever you may be—in your community, office, factory, union.

Greek Letter Groups Name Elmer Henderson

The Courier, Pittsburgh, Pa.
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BALTIMORE, Md.—The appointment, effective Aug. 1, of Elmer W. Henderson as director of the newly formed American Council on Human Rights, was announced last week by Mrs. Edna Over Gray president of the board.

The Council, is a cooperative venture of six national Greek-letter collegiate fraternities and sororities: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Phi Beta Sigma, Sigma Gammo Rho and Zeta Phi Beta.

It was founded primarily to seek the extension of civil rights to all Americans without regard to race, color or religion. The Council also is aware of its responsibilities in regard to international problems.

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OFFICE IN D. C.

It will maintain an office in Washington to aid the passage of legislation supporting the aims of the Council and to oppose legislation considered detrimental to minorities. It will disseminate information and organize an action program.

Officers of the board of directors of the Council in addition to Mrs. Gray, the president, are: Mrs. Mae Wright Downs, former national president, Delta Sigma Theta, vice president; Dr. R. O. Johnson, national president, Phi Beta Sigma, recording secretary; Miss Emma V. Manning, basileus, Washington chapter, Sigma Gamma Rho corresponding secretary; Miss Esther Peyton, former chairman executive board, Zeta Phi Beta, treasurer; Atty. Belford V. Lawson Jr., national president Alpha Phi Alpha, general counsel.

U. of Minn.'s Fight for Free 'Greek' Societies Hits Snag

The Courier, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Saturday

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The fight of sororities and fraternities of the University of Minnesota to eliminate bias clauses from their organizational charters hit a snag this week, when national officers of chapters either flatly disapproved or refused to comment on the proposal.

According to John LaVine, Inter-fraternity Council president at the university, six of the officers refused to take a position. Of those, two stated that the national conventions would take up the matter two years from now.

Five officers stated that the charters of the University of Minnesota chapters may be revoked if they ask for elimination of the clause. LaVine explained that Southerners are able to control national policy because a two-thirds vote, is necessary for a change.

7% Would Ignore Clause

This means that chapters at schools which do not even admit colored students are able to keep them out of organizations willing to admit them. That other organizations are willing was brought out by a poll of sorority members which showed 7% willing to ignore the "white Christian" clause.

LaVine said Wisconsin and Illinois schools also have begun moves to effect removal of the clause. Neither sorority nor fraternity members were polled on whether or not they desired to break with their national groups.

Cites College Increase In Race Goodwill

The Pittsburgh Courier
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NEW YORK—Pointing out that progress in the struggle against prejudice is obviously possible in the light of recent developments, the "Common Defense" bulletin of the Institute for American Democracy recently cited evidence of growing goodwill in college fraternities and sororities.

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Greek Letter Organizations At Last At Ga. State College

The Herald—Savannah, Ga.
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The Georgia State College faculty in a recent meeting voted the approval of the establishment of Greek-letter organizations on the campus. This was announced by President James A. Colston at a special assembly, Monday, December 5.

He also disclosed that the Council of Administrators had appointed a Board of Governors to interpret to the proposed organizations the policies of the administration in regards to student organizations.

Only those Greek-letter organizations recognized by the Pan-Hellenic council may be established on the campus. These include Sigma Gamma Rho, Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta, Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Phi Beta Sigma and Alpha Phi Alpha.

Dates for pledging charter members have been set for the last two weeks in February. Freshmen be pledged during the last week in April. Also the period of initiation of charter members will

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PLAN NON-PARTISAN LOBBY —These representatyies of two national fraternities and four sororities members of the Pan-Hellenic Ccuncil met in Washington last week and planned for a permanent Non-Partisan Lobby. The meeting was called by Mrs. Edna Over Gray Supreme Basileus of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Left to right, front row: Mrs. Beulah Witby, Miss Norma E. Boyd, Attorney Ruth Whitehead Whaley, Mrs. Gray, Mrs Ethel Ross Smith and Miss Edna C. Peyton; back row: Dr. A. S. Harris, Attorney Belford Lawson, Miss Emma V. Manning, Dean George A. Parker, Mrs. Mae W Downs, Dr. Downs, Dr. John Hope Franklin, Dr R. O. Johnson and Mrs. James A. Squire. (Scurlock Photo.)

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PARTICIPANTS ON ALPHA FORUM—These were participants in the second of a series of educational forums recently sponsored by the local chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Sitting from left to right are Carter E. Coleman, businessman; B. T. Harvey, professor at Morehouse College; Ralph Robinson, Boy Scout executive; Marion Watson, YMCA recreation director; and Marion Curry, athletic director at Clark College. Standing left to right are J. T. Fagan, employment interviewer; F. R. Watley, business, Albert Watts, business and assistant coach at Clark College, and E. L. Simon, assistant agency director the Atlanta Life Insurance Company. These community leaders are all former athletes and members of Eta Lambda chapter.

Daily World Atlanta, Ga.

CITY ALPHAS SPONSOR EDUCATIONAL FORUM

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Atlanta, Ga.

By CLARENCE D. COLEMAN

Eta Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, will sponsor the second in a series of Educational Forums Thursday, March 11, at the Recreation Room of the Home Office of the Atlanta Life Insurance Company. Wed

The first forum which was held in February presented "Lawyers and Politicians Night" at which time Atty. A. T. Walden, Atty. E. E. Moore, Edwin Thomas and Prof. Clarence A. Bacote discussed "Politics in Georgia". As a result of this presentation, the local chapter of the fraternity officially endorsed and became one of the co-sponsors of the All-Citizens Registration Committee, has secured the cooperation of the local undergraduate chapters of Clark College, Morris Brown College and Morehouse College, has accepted the responsibility for canvassing from house to house in an effort to get persons to register and vote and has accepted the entire area of Census Tract 39 and part of Census Tract 63 of Ward Four. 3-10-48

A spokesman for the chapter has indicated that the result of this effort will be made public as soon as the records are completed.

The forum that is to be presented Thursday night will be called "Athletes Night" at which time Marion Curry, Recreation Director of Clark College, B. T. Harvey, former coach at Morehouse College and nationally known personality in sports circles; Dr. Artis P. Graves, coach of Morris Brown College; Albert H. Watts, assistant coach at Clark College, and Aaron Watson, Recretion Director of the Butler Street YMCA, will discuss "The Future of the Negro Athlete". Atlanta, Ga.

Each of the three hosts for this meeting were well respected athletes during their college days. Wed 3-10-48

Ralph Robinson, Assistant Director of the Boy Scouts of America, made All-American Center as a player on the old Atlanta University football team. J. T. Fagan, Employment Interviewer at the Georgia State Employment Service, made all American Guard as a player on the team at Clark College, known the nation over as "The Black Battalion of Eta Lambda chapter has gone on record as endorsing a year-round program to stimulate American youth to participate in some kind of sports, to encourage fair play in all sports and to help develop such leadership in sports that it will become a medium for the development of character, cooperation, physical and mental alertness and wholesome adulthood. 3-19-48

Death", and E. L. Simon, Assistant Agency General of the Atlanta Life Insurance Company, graduate of Clark University, made All-American tackle while a member of the football team. Daily World

This series of educational programs sponsored by the Educational Committee of the Eta Lambda, under the chairmanship of Milton White, principal of the Booker T. Washington Evening School and Director of the Colored Division of the Georgia State Employment Service, is designed to keep the fraternity abreast of current issues, to keep it an integral part of the community and to help strengthen the ties in inter-group relationships.

ALPHAS SET UP CHICAGO PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS

The World

Memphis, Tenn.

CHICAGO—(ANP)—Top officers of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Inc., the oldest Negro Greek-letter society in the world and one of the most influential organization in the affairs of Negroes and the nation at large, formally opened the group's permanent national headquarters in the Bingo Arcade building, 3456 South State street, here recently. The event, which coincided with the Founders' Day anniversary banquet for the local chapter, also marked the active beginning of Bennie D. Brown, well known YMCA leader and former USO director, as the fraternity's first full-time secretary. Fri.

Both the secretariat and the national headquarters were created at the fraternity's general convention at Tulsa, Okla., last December. Atty. Belford V. Lawson, prominent Washington lawyer and president of Alpha, flew in for the opening ceremonies. Holding a special meeting of members of the executive council, which was on hand to get the new headquarters "off to a grand start," Lawson said. "This is a great day for Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. It means that this organization has set the stage for rendering greater and more effective service." 5-28-48

First year's duties of the new secretary will be devoted to setting up the plan of office operation in his well-appointed suite in the Arcade building. Later his activities will include personal visits to chapters throughout the country.

FOUNDED IN 1906 5-28-48

The fraternity was founded at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., in 1906 by seven students. It has since developed into an organization with a membership of 15,000, many of its more than 200 chapters throughout the country being located at educational institutions.

Stressing education and citizenship as its national project, the group has awarded more than $30,000 in scholarships and fellowships to deserving students and has actively led in the fight to get Negroes to register in order to exercise their right of ballot. Tenn

The local chapter timed their Founders' Day banquet with the opening of the national office. Their anniversary reception, held in the DuSable Center, focused attention on the famous Alpha House located on South Parkway, which is owned by the Chicago Alphas. Atty. Lawson delivered the principal address.

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Among top officials present at the ceremonies were Atty. William N. Lovelace, midwest vice-president, Cincinnati; Dr. H. Council Trenholm, president, Alabama State Teachers College and director of education; Atty. Charles Lane, general counsel, Chicago; Lewis O. Swingler, editor, Sphinx magazine, Nashville; Cornelius Parris, Chicago, lay member, executive council; and W. D. Hawkins, chairman auditing committee, Nashville.

Alphas Observe Education Week

Daily World

4-1-48

Atlanta, Ga.

MONTGOMERY, Ala.— The ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, Inc. is staging this week its 29th annual observance of "Education and Citizenship Week" and is climaxing the week with the annual Southern Regional Conference being held at the Alabama State Teachers College at Montgomery on April 16-18. Fri. 4-16-48

Under the sponsoring direction of Dr. H. Council Trenholm, Director of Educational Activities for the Fraternity, the 93 Graduate Chapters and the 77 Undergraduate Chapters distributed across the Nation, are directing attention of student and adult audiences to the two objectives of Education and Citizenship. Youth are being encouraged to continue in school and into college so that they may be more adequately prepared for the demands of our present day civilization and for their disadvantaged role as Negro citizens. Both youth and adults are being urged to develop the self-discipline and the intelligent sense of responsibility on their human relationships as an inescapable obligation of our democratic pattern of living. Outstanding Message by national Belford V. Lawson, Jr., Washington attorney. Elaborate plans have been made for many of these Chapter programs. Beginning April 16, and extending through Sunday afternoon, April 18, representatives of undergraduate and graduate chapters in the Southern Jurisdiction will be in session at the Alabama State Teachers College under the chairmanship of Dr. William H. Gray, Jr., Regional Vice President and President of the Florida A. & M. College at Tallahassee. As of this writing, the convention theme which will be climaxed with the Fraternity-wide Consecration Message by national President Belford V. Lawson, Jr., Washington attorney. Elaborate plans have been made for many of these Chapter programs. Arrangements have been made for the direction of Dr. William E. Gardner and Dr. John Garrick

Alphas Back Truman's Civil Rights Program

The Call

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — (ANP) — Frat brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Inc., meeting in their southern regional conference here last month, adopted a series of resolutions backing the "right to equality of opportunity as set forth by President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights," and opposing the regional plan of education in the south.

Pointing out that the position of the U. S., as a major power of the world and chief proponent of democratic ideals "makes it mandatory that this country immediately legislate and execute codes giving citizens the right to safety and security, the right to citizenship and its privileges, the right to freedom of conscience and expression and the right to equality of opportunity," the fraternity's resolution declared:

"Since eternal vigilance is the price of liberty and the freedom of no man is safe so long as the freedom of other men is definitely curtailed, we hereby didicate and consecrate our time, energy and resources to securing these rights — now."

Fri. 5-21-48

On the regional school plan for the south, a resolution held that "we recognize it is impossible for citizens of a democracy to function adequately unless they are educated in a system which is democratic in nature. Therefore, we oppose any abridgement of the democratic principles of education.

"We shall devote our energies to securing equality of opportunity in education and to an extension of these opportunities to all citizens."

Alphas Open National Home

Chicago Defender

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Alphas have Wallace as speaker despite protests

Tribune
Los Angeles Calif

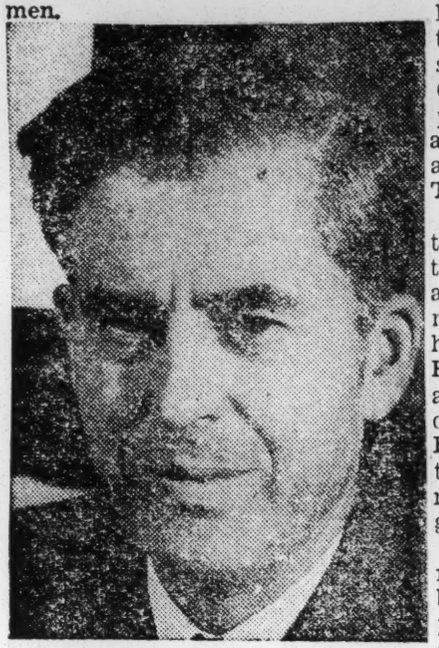
TULSA — Despite a protest by a Negro Baptist minister, presidential candidate Henry A. Wallace addressed the public meeting of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity here at Convention Hall last Sunday.

Wallace's appearance had been protested before the city commission by the Rev. G. T. Price, who said it would disrupt amiable relations between the races here. The minister said he spoke for no group or faction opposing Wallace, and said this was merely his personal opinion.

The local city attorney refused to take action on the Rev. Price's objection on grounds that such a move would violate Wallace's right to freedom of speech.

The former vice president of the United States and ex-secretary of commerce spoke the day before he declared his candidacy for President. An overflow audience greeted him.

Engagement of Wallace as convention speaker dramatized the revision of the fraternity's national program. Declaring that the fraternity will take part in the fight against "the denial and deprivation of our economic and political rights," President Belford V. Lawson, Jr., a Washington attorney, outlined a sober program for the Greek letter society. It will cooperate in the campaigns for fair employment, anti-lynching, and anti-poll tax legislation, he said. The convention was the 33rd annual and represented 10,000 Alpha men.



PRESIDENTIAL — candidate Henry A. Wallace addresses Negro fraternity over protest.

Alphas In Drive For Club House In Los Angeles

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LOS ANGELES — Cognizant of the need of a centrally located center to house the numerous social, civic and fraternal activities of this rapidly growing city, Alpha Phi Alpha launched an extensive building fund drive Tuesday evening with a mammoth "Kick-Off" banquet at Park View Manor.

Highlighting activities of the initial function of the Fraternity's "Clubhouse by Christmas", goal was the timely and interesting address by Barksdale Brown, Western vice-president; Rudolph Henderson, chairman of the Coordinating Council of Alpha Chapters in Los Angeles; and Attorney Ivan J. Johnson, III.

Stressing the need for additional scholarships in the fields of medicine, law, music and business administration, Hugh Tanner, president of Pepperdine college and guest speaker of evening, commended the fraternity for its forward step and reiterated promises of full cooperation from his institution to which five students are awarded scholarships by the group annually.

Rounding out the program were Samuel H. Brown, music teacher at Jefferson high school; Charles Cabello, Miss Mary Notrica and Miss A. Chandler.

Thurgood Marshall, Mrs. FDR To Get Alpha Medals

Atlanta Daily World

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, widely acclaimed as the First Lady of the World, and Thurgood Marshall, leader of the progressive and militant legal staff of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will receive the Alpha Phi Alpha Medallion Award in a ceremony to be held in their honor at Lincoln University (Penna.) Thursday night, May 13, 1948.

The Medallion, an exclusive function of the Alpha Fraternity chapter at Lincoln University, is given annually to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to humanity during the current year. Previous Medallions have been awarded to Marian Anderson, Harold L. Ickes, and Paul Robeson. The Forum in connection with which the awards are made was inaugurated in 1946 with Canada Lee as guest speaker.

Mrs. Roosevelt will be honored in recognition of her zealous efforts in behalf of worldwide freedom for all people with the United Nations Organization. Her name has been frequently associated with the far-reaching International Bill of Rights which would insure fundamental human rights to all peoples of the world. Chief proponene of the bill, Mrs. Roosevelt is also an outspoken advocate for the extenson of democracy to all minority groups in the United States. She will be awarded in absentia.

Mr. Thurgood Marshall will be honored for his aggressive and successful battles against discrimination and segregation in the courts of the South. Outstanding among his many fights in interest of justice for minorities in the South is the famous Columba, Tennessee, case, in which he scored a major victory. He is currently engaged in legal battles against discrimination on the grounds of race in higher education.

The presentation will take place in the Dodd Brown chapel on Lincoln University's campus.

Walter Smith is to serve as program chairman. Charlie Green is to give his annual inspirational message. The chapter plans to make an official chapter picture at this meeting. The hosts for this affair are: J. P. Brawley, L. Burney, Allen Caldwell, Brady Cooper, Marion Curry, and Artis Graves, have invited all Alpha men in the Atlanta area and those who are visiting in Atlanta.

Alphas To Honor Bishop Bowen, Dr. Richardson

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Eta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity plans to give special honor to two members of their organization who are new comers to Atlanta. Bishop J. W. Bowen, newly elected Bishop of the Methodist Church, and Dr. Harry Richardson, newly elected President of Gammon Theological Seminary. Dr. Alonzo G. Moron, newly acting president of Hampton Institute, who is visiting in the city, is also expected to be honored at the regular Chapter meeting Thursday, November 18 at 8:30 p. m., at the Recreation Room of Thayer Hall at Clark College. They will be presented in an educational forum.

The presentation of these leaders in an educational forum is one of the Chapter's Series of such forums for the purpose of stimulating Alpha men to actively participate more freely in fraternal and community projects for the social welfare of its citizens.

Former forums have been on the following subjects: "The Negro Athletes," "The Negro Doctor," "The Negro Business Man," "Regionalism," "The Negro Lawyer," and "The Negro in Georgia Politics." The forum that is planned for Thursday night will be the "Alpha Phi Alpha Past, Present, and Future."

Other programs that the local chapter has conducted are: 'The Greater Atlanta Registration Drive" in which several thousand persons became eligible to vote, and the voting machine instruction booths, which were sponsored for the purpose of giving the Atlanta Citizenry an opportunity to learn how to operate voting machines. These projects are part of the regular program of the local group.

Forrester B. Washington, J. P. Brawley, B. T. Harvey, T. M. Alexander, G. E. DeLorme, Nelson C. Jackson, and the late John Hope; all of whom are former Presidents of Eta Lambda, will be given special recognition.

ALPHA'S PITTSBURGH HOME—Recently purchased by Pittsburgh Alpha Phi Alpha men, the former Coleman Home for Boys on Centre Avenue will house the activities of the Alpha Omicron Lambda Chapters and Omicron chapters. The house held its formal opening exercises Sunday. —Harris Photo.

400 Attend Alphas 33rd Annual Meet

TULSA, Okla.--(NNPA)--The 33rd annual convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, oldest of the Negro greek letter societies, was attended by more than 400 delegates and visitors from all sections of the country.

Among the business transacted at the convention was the abolition of brutality in initiations. A new jurisdiction, known as the far western, was created.

Trophies were awarded chapters at Morehouse, Talledega, Kansas City, and Memphis for outstanding accomplishments during the past year.

Officers elected were: Belford V. Lawson, president, Washington; William N. Lovelace, Cincinnati, midwestern vice-president; William M. Gray, Jr., Tallahassee, Florida, southern vice president; A. Maceo Smith, Dallas, Texas, western vice president; Barksdale Brown, Los Angeles, far western vice president; Bennie Brown, Omaha, executive secretary; M. G. Ferguson, Nashville, general treasurer.

Lewis O. Singler, Memphis, editor of the Sphinx; H. Council Trenholm, Montgomery, Ala., director of education; Charles F. Lane, Chicago, general counsel; Cornelius Parrish, Charles V. Willie, James R. Johnson, Peter W. Daughterive, and R. L. Richardson, midwestern, southern, western, far western and eastern lay councilman, respectively.

GEORGIANS WILL

MONROE--White residents of Walton county will hold a mass meeting at the courthouse Friday, to raise funds to rebuild two Negro churches recently burned by vandals.

ORGANIZE GREEK LETTER UNIT IN EAST ST. LOUIS

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill.--The first male Greek-letter chapter was established in East St. Louis last month when a charter was presented to Delta Epsilon Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha at the John Robinson center.

Making the presentation was W. N. Loveless of Cincinnati, who is vice-president of the national body.

The charter was presented to Atty. Billy Jones. Among those present were: Ora Polk, Elijah Langford, Edgar Green, Booker T. Blackwell, Ross M. Miller, Julius Higgins, Joseph Perry, G. V. Quinn, and Alvin Roundtree.

Alphas To Atlantic City For 34th General Session; 25 Memphians To Attend

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—A civil rights theme, accented by a speech by Sen.-elect. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, outspoken equality champion, will mark the 34th Alpha Phi Alpha convention here Dec. 27—30, according to Belford V. Lawson, the fraternity's national president.

Other speakers will participate at the mass meeting at Convention Hall, highlighting the fraternity's new liberal program, are Miss Dorothy Height, president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and Dr. John Broadhead, president of the American Teachers' Association.

Senator-elect Humphrey was a staunch supporter of the President's civil rights program at the Philadelphia convention, and was popularly mentioned, as a worthy choice for the Democratic nomination prior to the convention.

The banquet speaker on December 29th will be James C. Evans, advisor to Secretary of Defense James C. Forrestal. Under the New Jersey Civil Rights Law, it is possible to hold the convention on the board walk. The visiting delegates will be quartered at boardwalk hotels.

The banquet, as well as the convention dance, will be held at the Copa-Cobana on the boardwalk.

The program will deal with Federal Aid to Education, the American Council on Human Rights, and implementation of the President's Civil Rights program, with nationwide emphasis on the total abolition of segregation in the United States.

Memphians who plan to attend the Alpha Phi Alpha Convention are: L. O. Swingler, editor of the Sphinx, the official organ of Alpha. Charles Tarpley, president of the graduate chapter, Marvin Tarpley, Chapter secretary, Dr. and Mrs.

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Alpha Phi Omega

Interracial frat chartered on City College campus

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Chartering of the first local chapter of Alpha Phi Omega interracial fraternity took place on Los Angeles City College campus last week with national fraternity representative, C. S. Carlson, who flew to Los Angeles especially for the occasion, officiating.

Elected president of Epsilon Chi chapter was James McDaniels, through whose efforts it was organized. McDaniels received an engraved president's gavel, presented by Noel Brown, of the Brown Jewelry co.

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MIXED FRATS SET PRECEDENT—Outstanding members of Santa Barbara's new interracial fraternity are, front row, left to right, Chris Stone, Stan Schwartz and Clarence Middleton. Back row: George Casselberry, Bob Naidis and John Caldwell.

No Race Barriers In New Fraternity

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—Setting a precedent in California's intercollegiate annals, an active interracial, interreligious social fraternity called Beta Delta has been formed at Santa Barbara College here.

The student's academic ability, his contributions to the school, compatibility, character and personality are the only factors which determine eligibility. The fraternity already includes twenty members, representing several racial and religious groups.

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Beta Sigma Tau

TWENTY-FOUR INTER-RACIAL COLLEGE groups met recently at Roosevelt College in Chicago to form a unique national college fraternity, Beta Sigma Tau. The new fraternity elects members without regard to race, religion, or national origin, outlaws the "black-ball," and frowns upon hazing, secrecy, or excessive initiation fees and dues. It now has active chapters at the University of California, Ohio State University, the University of Buffalo, the University of Indiana, and Ohio Wesleyan University, in addition to Roosevelt. To offset the stultifying influence of the alumni—even alumni who were liberal when young—Beta Sigma Tau's constitution provides that each college chapter shall have three voting members at the annual convention, each alumni chapter only two. Eleven of the groups attending the Chicago meeting withdrew to form an organization of their own—the American Commons Club—because they dislike the use of a Greek-letter name. The appearance of these two national non-discriminatory organizations is at least a sign that American student opinion has begun to attain a new maturity.

Interracial Fraternity to Hold 1st Convention

Harrison Dillard to Be Given Society's Achievement Award as Outstanding Member

COLUMBUS, Ohio (ANP)—The first national convention of Beta Sigma Tau Fraternity will be held here Nov. 25-28, Russel M. Jones, national executive secretary, announced last week. Acting as hosts will be the Lambda Alpha Gamma Chapter of Ohio State University.

Highlight of the sessions will be the convention dinner, Friday night, at which the fraternity's first achievement award to an outstanding member will be presented to Harrison Dillard, a charter member of the chapter at Baldwin-Wallace College.

Also appearing on this program will be Nadine Waters, outstanding soprano.

Fast Growing Organization

Beta Sigma Tau lays claim to being the first national intercultural social fraternity in America. It was formed in May, when 11 local groups met in Chicago and decided to organize a national fraternity.

At present there are eight chapters at the University of California, State University, Baldwin-Wallace, at Santa Barbara, Ohio Wesleyan University, Hobart College, Ohio College, Roosevelt College and the University of Buffalo.

By the time of the convention it is expected that some six more chapters will be considered for affiliation by the committee on charters.

Bar Discrimination

The fraternity bars discrimination as to race, nationality and religion in constitution provisions.

Presiding over the sessions will be John Roth of the University of Cincinnati, national president. Other officers and members of the national executive council are:

John Caldwell, first vice-president, University of California at Santa Barbara; Henry Rosenwald, second vice-president, Roosevelt College; Spero Yianilos, secretary, University of Buffalo; Jesse Roy, treasurer, Ohio State University; John Shover, Ohio Wesleyan University; and Clarence Bowers, Baldwin-Wallace College.

ANOTHER advance on the road to democracy was signalized last week, when the first intercultural Greek-letter fra-

ternity, Beta Sigma Tau, held its first executive meeting in Chicago. It bars discrimination as to race, nationality and religion. Seven colleges already have chapters. This is another blow at racial and religious snobbery.

New Fraternity Sets Convention

COLUMBUS, Ohio—The first national convention of Beta Sigma Tau Fraternity will be held in Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 25-28. Acting as hosts for the meeting will be the Lambda Alpha Gamma Chapter of the Ohio State University.

Highlight of the sessions will be the convention dinner to be held Friday night at which time the Fraternity's first Achievement Award to an outstanding member of it will be presented to Harrison Dillard, one of the charter members of the chapter located at Baldwin-Wallace College. Also appearing on this program will be Nadine Waters, an outstanding soprano.

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Epsilon Pi Tau

Industrial Arts Society New Member

Norfolk, Va.

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Dr. Bridges A. Turner, chairman of the department of teacher training of Hampton Institute's division of trades and industries, was one of two members at large initiated into Epsilon Pi Tau, National Honorary Industrial Arts and Industrial-Vocational Education Fraternity, last month at Santa Barbara, Calif. Dr. J. Harold Williams, provost of Santa Barbara College of the University of California, was the other member at large initiated with Dr. Turner on Dec. 19.

Dr. Turner had attended a meeting of the American Vocational Association of which he has been a member since 1941, in Los Angeles on Dec. 15-18. He represented Hampton Institute and the Old Dominion Vocational Association, of which he is president, at the AVA meeting.

University Bans Biased Fraternities

SEATTLE, Wash.—(ANP)—A new policy outlawing any new fraternity with racial or religious clauses in its constitution from the campus has been established by the University of Washington.

This new code was set up when the school discovered that a dental honorary society seeking recognition contained restrictive racial and religious clauses in its constitution, Prof. Albert F. Miller, chairman of the faculty committee on student groups, said.

Washington accepts all qualified students regardless of race, creed or color. Miller said. He disclosed that present recognized fraternities on the campus with restricted clauses in their constitutions are "being encouraged to remove them."

Interfraternity Conference Puts Racial Issue Up to Its Members

The National Interfraternity Conference voted yesterday at the Hotel Commodore to refer to member fraternities a general statement on racial discrimination in which it was stated the conference believed "the fraternity system will flourish better if the character and personality of the individual are regarded as paramount, rather than his race, color, religion or nationality."

The conference voted to refer the statement to its fifty-eight affiliated national fraternities for study during the year in anticipation of action upon the matter at next year's conference.

In a preamble to the statement it was explained that controversy in fraternity circles over the pledging of a Negro student by the Amherst College chapter of one of the fraternity members of the conference prompted the statement.

The pledge referred to is Thomas W. Gibbs, an undergraduate student at Amherst, who was initiated into the Amherst chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi recently. The national executive council of Phi Kappa Psi suspended the chapter, which then took the name of Amherst Phi Psi and proceeded with initiation of its sixteen sophomore pledges, including Mr. Gibbs, last Tuesday. He is the first Negro to become a fraternity member in Amherst's 127-year history.

Although the conference concluded its statement with a plea for racial tolerance in the fraternity system, it pointed out that it believed a fraternity has the right "to select its own members from among the students," free from the pressure from the educational institution itself, and that "the wisdom or desirability or social consideration affecting membership, including religious, racial or national qualifications, are thus the concern of the fraternity itself."

The stataement further maintained that in passing upon candidates for membership in a fraternity without national restrictions, the individual member "may cast his vote upon discriminatory considerations."

The statement follows in full:

"The present controversy in fraternity circles concerning racial discrimination in fraternity membership following the pledging of a Negro student at Amherst College by a chapter of one of the fraternity members of the National Interfraternity Conference, and the wide publicity given to the case in the public press, have taken the subject out of the category of the private affairs of a single fraternity, and made it an appropriate matter for consideration and comment on the part of the conference. Accordingly the National Interfraternity Conference makes the following statement:

"1. The conference believes that a college fraternity, inasmuch as it has certain aspects of a social organization, has the right to select its own members from among the students in a university or college free from any domination or pressure from the educational institution itself. Upon this principle, the fraternity may, if it chooses, adopt restrictive rules for its own membership or refrain from adopting restrictions. The wisdom or desirability or social consideration affecting membership, including religious, racial or national qualifications, are thus the concern of the fraternity itself.

"2. The conference recognizes that in passing upon candidates presented for admission to membership, in cases not governed by national restrictions or by custom or tradition binding upon the chapter member may cast his vote upon discriminatory considerations. He may concede or refuse to concede to the opinions, or even the prejudices, of his fraternity brothers. That is his individual right. The weight to be given to conflicting considerations are for his individual decisions. The conference, however, believes that the fraternity system will flourish better if the character and personality of the individual are regarded as paramount, rather than his race, color, religion, or nationality."

Judge Frank H. Myers, Kappa Alpha, of Washington, was elected chairman for next year. Other officers are William J. Barnes, Theta Xi, vice-chairman; Harry Q. Middendorf, Phi Delta Theta, secretary; Leon C. Stowell, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, treasurer, and Ray Warnock, Beta Theta Chi, educational adviser.

SUGGESTS ORIENTATION

To the STAR:

Those who would bar Negroes because they feel it would create problems should not be Tau Delta or Phi Sigma members, but rather ought to return to kindergarten for orientation on equality. They ought to be eager to attack problems and solve them or our democracy will perish. Non-segregated units teamed up at the Belgian Bulge and slapped Von Runstedt's "master race" back toward Berlin. All social problems were ironed out. American diplomats deal with colored ambassadors at treaty tables and banquets and get along swell. This is good training for the future when the two-thirds or so of the peoples of the world who are colored gain the use of the franchise for self-government. The suggestion that segregated fraternities be organized is reminiscent of Mississippi Jim Crow.

Wider Bias in Fraternity Urged by Johnstown Unit

Pa. Alumni Group Asks Phi Kappa Psi to Constitutionally Bar Colored, Jews

NEW YORK—The recent action of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity in suspending its Amherst College chapter for pledging a colored student has been condemned, as not going far enough, by the Johnstown, Pa., Alumni Association of the Greek letter Organization, it was disclosed here this week.

The Johnstown alumni, in a resolution to the fraternity's executive council, demanded that restrictions be written into the fraternity's constitution barring not only colored students but "adherents of all Semitic creeds of all religions which do not respect the oath of secrecy" as well.

The Johnstown resolution, dated Nov. 16, called the action of the Amherst chapter in pledging the colored student part of a "malignant growth" on the fraternity body, and demanded that the Amherst charter be revoked, and that members of the chapter be expelled and "bodily ejected" from their fraternity house.

Asks Wide Restrictions

The Johnstown resolution also demanded that the chapter be "not only traditionally, but constitutionally, forbidden to initiate colored and restricted to initiate only members of the white race."

Disclosure of the resolution was made by David G. McConnell, Columbia University undergraduate and former president of the Phi Kappa Psi's Gamma chapter in NYC, who submitted his resignation on Nov. 19 in protest against the racist actions of the national body.

On Nov. 23, the Amherst group, in defiance of the suspension threats by the national body, initiated Thomas W. Gibbs as the first colored fraternity man in Amherst's 127-year history.

President Upheld

At a closed meeting in Hotel Commodore last Sunday, the 10-man national executive council of Phi Kappa Psi unanimously upheld the action of national president Howard L. Hamilton, of Columbus, Ohio, in suspending the Amherst's charter.

Clarence F. Williams, of Cleveland, is national secretary, while other members of the council includes:

Homer D. Lininger, vice-president, of Tucson, Ariz.; Harlan B. Selby, treasurer, of Morgantown, W. Va.; H. Calvin Coolidge, Brown University; Robert E. Leber, Gettysburg College, Pa.; Dana F. Harland, Allegheny College, Pa.; Frank S. Whiting Jr., University of Illinois; Gene R. Mc Laughlin, University of Kansas, and John C. Noble Jr., University of Oregon.

Dr. Van Dyke To Head Negro Science Group

Dr. Trenholm Honored For Outstanding Scientific Work

H. L. Van Dyke, Negro, chairman of the Science Department at Alabama State Colege here, was elected national president of the Beta Kappa Chi fraternity yesterday at a meeing on the college campus. He succeeds Dr. Victor J. Tulane, Howard University.

Other officers elected were Dr. George Hunter, Maryland State College, first vice president; G. L. Cochran, Wilberfoce State University, second vice president; Dr. E. O. Raines, Kentucky State College, third vice president; Dr. D. T. Dooley, Prairie View State College, fourth vice president; and Dr. Joseph T. Williams, Philadelphia, secretary and treasurer.

Dr. H. Council Trenholm, president of the Alabama State College here, was presented with an honorary membership in the Beta Kappa Chi fraternity yesterday for his outstanding work in the field of science in Alabama.

At a seminar yesterday afternoon Dr. Charles R. Drew, internationally known Negro scientist, spoke on Medical Conditions in Alabama. Other speakers were Dr. Marion Myles, University of Minnesota, J. T. Williamson, Tuskegee Institute, and Dr. Victor J. Tulane.

Memorial college, Birmingham, Ala.

Business sessions were held in the library of the State College, while the public sessions were held in Galloway Hall.

The social affairs for the conclave included a garden party on the lawn of the home of President Wesley, formal dance in the gymnasium, bridge party in Arnett Hall and a smoker for men at Kilkare Park.

Notables Attend Fraternity Meet At Wilberforce

WILBERFORCE, Ohio — The Sigma Pi Phi fraternity delegates and friends attending the 19th biennial convention of the organization here last week heard Dr. W. E. B. DuBois deliver a masterly address which dealt with the development of scholarly interests among Negro youth from the days when he coined the phrase, "the talented tenth."

The second meeting featured representatives from Boules located in Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and the local chapter. President Charles H. Wesley presided at this session. President Charles H. Carroll of Pittsburgh was the presiding officer of the national Boule, and was assisted by Dr. William A. Bell of Miles

N.J. Frat Elects Colored Officer

Bergen College Names Roosevelt Richardson

NEW YORK—A colored student was installed Friday night as vice-president of the Zeta Iota Pi Fraternity at Bergen College.

He is Roosevelt (Jack) Richardson, 21, of 200 W. 124th St., sophomore student at the Teaneck, N.J., college, and reputedly the first colored student in campus history to be so honored.

Richardson said that "in our so-called democracy, it seems that a man should be accepted for what he is rather than the pigmentation of his skin and the texture of his hair."

Five Colored Students

Continuing, he said:

"I've been a member of the frat since September and the only thing I can tell you about the reaction among the fellows to the news that I was elected vice-president was one of cheerful congratulations."

Richardson, one of the five colored students in the school's enrollment of 2,000, is a pre-dental student. He is a photographer on the Bergen school paper and magazine.

White Frat Votes In Negro Vice President

TEANECK, N. J. — Roosevelt Richardson, 21, of New York City was elected vice-president of the Zeta Iota Pi fraternity chapter at Bergen College here last week. He is one of five colored students among the 2000 students at Bergens and is the first Negro to hold office in a fraternity on the campus.

Young Richardson is a photographer on the school newspaper and plans to study dentistry upon the completion of his college work at Bergen.

Journalistic Society Initiates Negro

IOWA CITY, Iowa—Charles J. Smith, III of Hampton Institute, Va., was recently initiated into the University of Iowa chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalistic fraternity.

He entered the graduate school of journalism in September and since then has served as a reporter-photographer for the Daily Iowan, student newspaper, and as a member of the photographic staff of Hawkeye, university annual.

MORGUE EDITOR

Smith has been appointed morgue editor of the Iowan for the second semester.

He is a graduate of Tennessee State College where he was active in student affairs, serving as editor of the student newspaper and associate editor of the college yearbook. Also he was president of the senior class and student council for the school year 1946-47.

Smith was initiated into Delta Phi Delta, national Negro journalistic fraternity, during his sophomore year at Tennessee State.

FRATERNITIES VOTE NEGRO EXCLUSION

Undergraduates at National Conference Also Reject Idea of Local Chapter Option

A spirited clash on the issue of discrimination in college fraternities marked the fortieth annual session of the National Interfraternity Conference, which opened yesterday at the Commodore Hotel.

Representatives of undergraduate chapters split on the question of permitting all students, regardless of religion or color, to join college social fraternities. Many delegates urged that the national organizations permit their local chapters to decide for themselves whether or not to admit a member. Nineteen chapters proposed that the local units have the privilege of deciding whom to admit, regardless of national fraternity regulations, while forty-four objected.

Greater opposition was voiced to admitting Negroes to all-white fraternities. On a vote by the undergraduates twelve fraternities urged that the discriminatory clause against Negroes be removed, twenty-five did not want any change, and eighteen chapters did not vote.

More than 700 representatives and delegates of undergraduate fraternities and alumni organizations, as well as national officers, attended the conference, the largest held in recent years. Membership in college social fraternities, it was reported, is at an all-time peak. Alumni and undergraduate members total 1,148,468, an increase of 38,533 over last year. The number of undergraduate chapters has reached 2,647, in contrast to last year's 2,523.

Discrimination Livest Topic

Although many issues were discussed by both graduate and undergraduate delegates, the question of discriminatory practices roused the greatest controversy. Heated arguments were tossed back and forth among the 300 college students who jammed the conference room to present their viewpoints. David A. Embury, past chairman of the National Interfraternity Conference, served as chairman of this session.

The question of admitting students regardless of race, creed or color came to the fore because of the recent action of the Alpha chapter of Phi Kappa Psi at Amherst College in admitting a Negro student. The Amherst group initiated Thomas W. Gibbs of Evanston, Ill., and was thereupon suspended by the national body for "unfraternal conduct." The chapter has now become a local fraternity under the name of Phi Psi.

In presenting the issue before the delegates, Mr. Embury drew violent protests from various students when he held that all who felt that it was desirable to admit Negroes and whites in the same fraternities should also give their posiiton on intermarriage.

At the suggestion of one of the members a vote was taken on this question: "Should the fraternities that have discriminatory clauses in the constitution in regard to color eliminate such clauses?"

After considerable discussion, much of it warm and some of it sharp, the undergraduates voted to keep the discriminatory clause in their constitutions.

Inter-Faith Theme Debated

An almost equally heated argument took place on the question of inter-faith membership. Many of the students held that it was un-American and against the best interests of the democratic way of life to discriminate on the basis of a man's religion. Admitting that the fraternities had a legal right to keep out members on the basis of their religion, the students declared that the issue entered the moral and ethical arena and went beyond legal arguments.

Typical of the many comments tossed into the debate was that advanced by Alan Johnson of Syracuse University.

"One of the primary purposes of a university is to send forth after graduation a well-rounded man with an open mind," he said. "Any type of religious discrimination with a fraternity limits the acquisition of an open mind, a liberal viewpoint or a democratic outlook."

"That may be so," another student retorted, "but a fraternity is a private organization. I don't think it's despicable for a fraternity to determine whom it wants to admit."

"I disapprove of the basic principle of fraternity discrimination," John Dickmeyer, a Massachusetts delegate, exclaimed. "People are further advanced today than they were fifteen years ago. The only way we can live sensibly as Americans is through inter-faith organizations."

Sharp Issue Taken

Taking sharp issue, Eugene McNally of Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute asserted: "In a democracy we are assumed to have the right to choose our own friends. If we have to live together, eat with our fraternity brothers, drink beer with them, we should have the privilege of deciding whom to choose and who mto keep out. If you do not care to have a Catholic or a Jew as your friend, that is your privilege."

It is believed that the issue of discrimination in fraternities will come up for consideration at tomorrow's meeting, when official action will be taken on resolutions.

In his review of the forty years of the conference, Dr. Gilbert W. Mead, president of Washington College and chairman of the conference, reported that "Hell Week" practices had been unanimously condemned. Fraternities have adopted certain standards, he said, that do not permit chapters to molest each other's initiates, or steal each other's pledges, as was once widely done.

Dean A. Ray Warnock of Pennsylvania State College predicted that college enrollment in this country would increase for the next ten years, reaching a high of 3,500,000. This would call for expanded facilities, he said, on both the senior college level and in community and junior colleges, as well as post-high school trade schools.

CAL. PLANS MIXED FRAT

At Berkeley, some 40 University of California students of various races have petitioned the office of the Dean of Students to organize a Berkeley chapter of Beta Sigma Tau, a fraternity whose primary object will be to include members of various races

Southern Fraternity Vote

Your mention of the fraternity chapter at Amherst College was taken against the Ohio chapter. But the result of this step was highly gratifying to the friends of racial justice.

The Ohio group countered by demanding that the constitutional provision against admitting non-Caucasians be repealed and that all the Ohio State casians be repealed and that all the Phi Delta chapters in Phi Delta Kappa be

asked to vote on this issue. The poll showed a majority in favor of ending the discrimination, and action to this end was thereupon taken. But even more significant is the fact that in the many Southern colleges in the fraternity, not one cast a 100 per cent vote against admitting non - Caucasians. The Southern vote to stop the discrimination ranged from some 15 per cent to 49 per cent in a college in Texas. Evidently among people more genuinely educated than the council which penalized Amherst, the right kind of spirit is growing. The South, too, which many of us find it easy to condemn as a whole, has its own staunch advocates of the better way.

HENRY NEUMANN.

Brooklyn, Nov. 13, 1948.

COLLEGE FRATS OK RACE BIAS

The Guardian

NEW YORK—Racial and religious discrimination as notoriously practced by leading college fraterntie will continue unabated, so decided the National Inter Fraternity Conference which met here over the weekend at the Hotel Commodore. Of the 159 fraternity men taking part in the conference, 56 voted in favor of the present set up and only 4 against it.

Wall Street Attorney, David Embury, who led the racial discussion came out with the traditional reasoning, "Should we favor and promote the organization of fraternities that have no discrimination whatever regarding color," he said, "keep in mind that whenever you get close social conduct, marriage invariably results . . . colored men dancing with your sisters and sweethearts . . ." In the same vein Eugene McNally ranted on, "You join a fraternity because you want to know the people in it. If you don't care to have a Catholic or a Jew as your brother, that's your privilege."

But Jules Delgin of St. Louis made the sensible comment: "One day we'll wake up and find that there are no fraternities because the fraternities just die of stupidity."

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Kappa Alpha Psi

NEW FRATERNITY AT WASHINGTON

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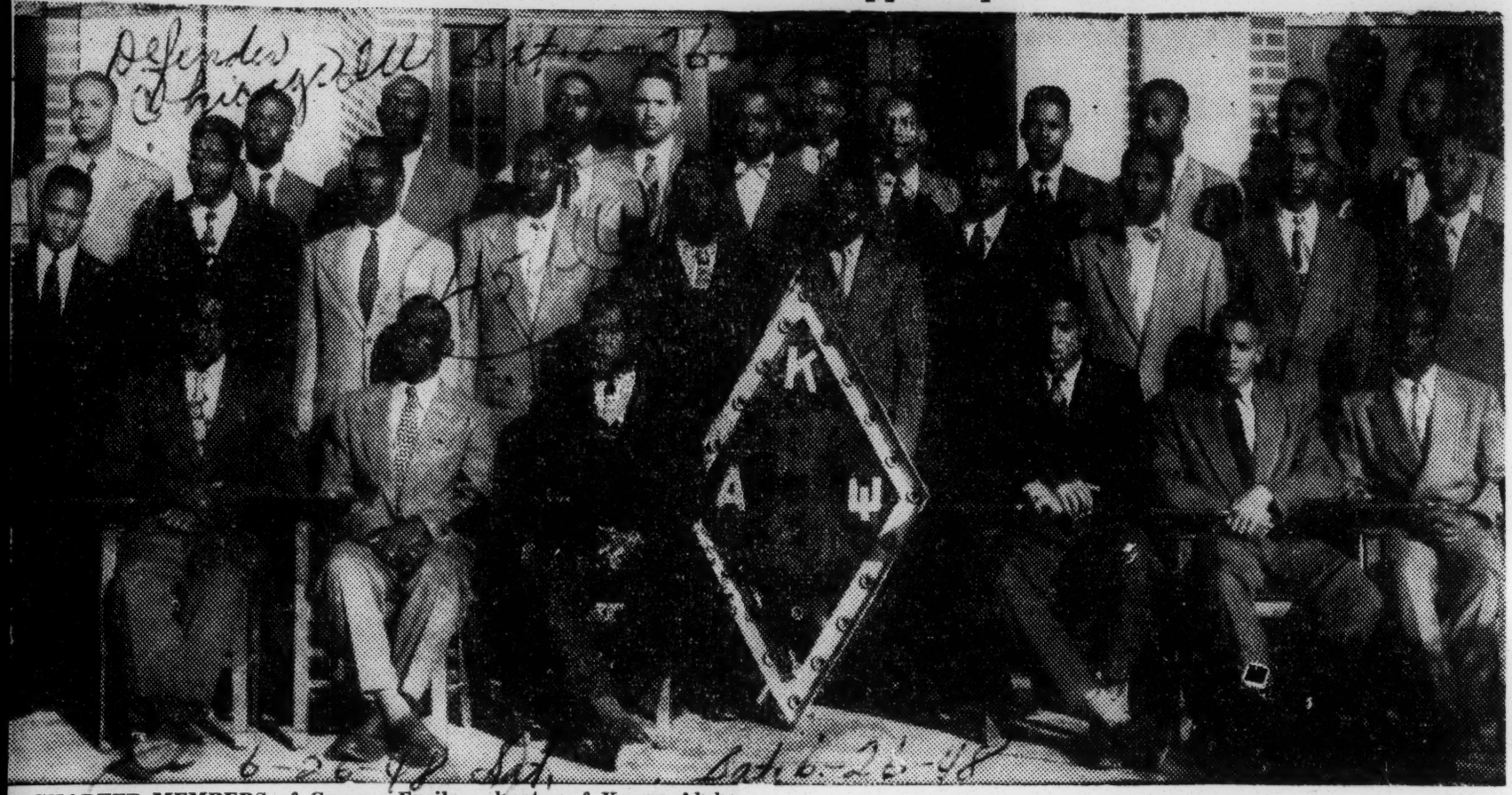
The University of Washington has a new Greek fraternity. In the light of most fraternities on the campus, this new one is unique.

According to Robert D. Addison Public Housing Manager, Bremerton, Washington, the fraternities' Provincial Polermarch of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, this is the first Chapter of a national Greek letter fraternity ever established in the Pacific Northwest to include White and Negro members and the first University recognized under-graduate Chapter of a Greek letter fraternity on the campus of the University of Washington with Negro members.

Kappa Alpha Psi's Constitution is in strict conformance with the University of Washington recent ruling relating to non-discrimination in student organizations on account race, creed, or color, and is first Greek letter fraternity on the campus to break the barrier and include members of both races into its membership.

Kappa Alpha Psi differs from other college fraternities in that it is more than an ordinary fraternity. It is an organization for the purpose of acheivement. It is designed to enrich the lives of its members and to awaken within them high ideals and honorable ambitions. Each Chapter stands for progress and true manliness and has proves a valuable ally to the college authorities in creating a healthful moral atmosphere in the college, by maintaining a high standard of scholarship, and by ridding the college of all that is dishonorable and base.

Following its formal establishment the fraternity enmasse attended the morning worship at Mt. Zion Baptist Church and listened with great interest to a profounded and inspiring sermon delivered by the pastor, Reverend F. Benjamin Davis. His subject being "Fulfilling the Purpose of God." He pointed out the part university men could play in the ultimate triumph of peace in the world and good will among all men. The members left the church with an unquenchable desire to achieve both in college



CHARTER MEMBERS of Gamma Epsilon chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi at Tuskegee Institute, organized by the Alumni chapter, this spring. Fifteen members of the newly activated chapter were graduated with bachelor's degrees at annual commencement last month. The charter members are: (l. to r.) seated, Prentice Jones, John Carroll, Stanton Shaw and Robert Brown, polemarch; James Lomax and Charles Ryans; standing, first row, Melvin Seeper, Curvin Holliman, Russell Kirkpatrick, George Chapman, Wayne Frederick, William Surcez, Whitney Vay Cleve, Ulysses Washington, Carl Smoot, Maurice Lanham; (secend row) Claud George, Lewis Owens, Clement Bronson, Alfred McGill, George Merrick, Cecil Keene, Hugh Watson, John Young, Leonard Small, Leodies Arburtha, Clarence Bell and David Powell. 6-26-48

Kappas Endorse Truman Civil Rights Bill-Score Proposed Regional Schools

Memphis World
Memphis, Tenn
Tues 5-25-48

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity men of the South Central Province, which embraces Tennessee and Kentucky, added their enthusiastic endorsement to President Truman's Civil Rights Bill, and their equally strong protest against the Mundt-Nixon Bill now pending in the upper House of Congress as a measure to virtually adridge freedom of speech. Meeting on LeMoyne campus in their annual provincial conference Friday and Saturday of last weekend, delegates to the Kappa meeting came from all four major cities of Tennessee, and Louisville.

W. J. Gupton, of Nashville, presided over the conference as Provincial Polemarch. Local arrangements were headed up by A. Maceo Walker, general chairman; and Prof. John Whittaker, Polemarch of the Memphis Alumni Chapter. Delegates came from both undergraduate and graduate chapters.

Memphis World

Mr. Gupton was the only officer not affected by election at the conference were C. J. Kincaide, of Nashville, vice-Polemarch; H. A Ford, of Knoxville, keeper of records and exechequor; E. W. Weed of Memphis, Strategus; George Thompson, of Nashville, Lt. Strategus, and J. H. Turner, journalist.

Memphis Tribune

The Kappas were entertained by the Memphis Pan-Hellenic Council Friday night, The Kappa Formal and banquet were held Saturday night.

Tues. 5-25-48

Omegas Name New 1948 Slate Of Officers

Atlanta World, Atlanta, Ga 1-10-49 Sat

Members of the Eta Omega chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity view the year of 1948 as one of the most promising years for achievement purposes since the chapter was organized. Delegates to the 1947 grand conclave report that the various programs that are intended to surpass in accomplishments the fraternal activities of the past year. As a result, the Omega Psi Phi fraternity will continue to be one of the sources from which many constructive steps will be taken to aid the progress of the democratic way of life.

Sun-1-10-48

The action on plans now being formulated locally should gain the reputation for Eta Omega chapter as being one of the fraternity's most active chapters.

Elected to serve as officers of Eta Omega chapter for the ensuing year are: Charles E. Prothro, Basileus, James L. Holloway, Vice-Basileus, C. B. Dansby, Keeper of Records and Seal, Fred D. Brown, Asst. Keeper of Records and Seal, Felix G. Mattox, Keeper of Finance, Dr. C. A. Talbert, Chaplain and Andrew Jackson, chapter editor.

Eta Omega has the distinction of having two of its loyal members re-elected unanimously at the Grand conclave to their positions as grand officers of the fraternity. The men so honored are J. H. Calhoun, First Vice Grand Basileus and J. B. Blayton, Grand Keeper of Finance.

Omegas Make Position On Draft Clear

Say Reynolds Not Authorized To Propose Refusal

Atlanta Daily World Atlanta, Ga. Sun-4-4-48

ROANOKE, Va.—The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity neither believes that Negroes should refuse to bear arms under circumstances which would constitute treason, nor did it authorize Grant Reynolds of New York city to propose any such refusal during his testimony on Wednesday, March 31, before the Senate Armed Service Committee.

This was the unequivocal declaration made April 1, by Dr. Harry T. Penn, of Roanoke, Grand Basileus of the fraternity, in a telegram sent to Senator Chan Gurney, before which Reynolds testified, Chairman of the Senate Committee along with A. Phillip Randolph, also of New York City.

Sun-4-4-48

It also disclaimed any authorization implied by Reynolds that he could speak jointly for the fraternity and any other organization or organizations. Reynolds was named as a spokesman by the fraternity to express the organization's opposition to a discriminatory military establishment, but it was neither contemplated nor discussed, Dr. Penn asserted, that he would go to the extreme which he did in his testimony.

Sun-4-4-48

Wire To Senator

The text of Dr. Penn's wire to Senator Gurney on behalf of the fraternity follows in full:

"With reference to statement before your committee yesterday by Grant Reynolds, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is unalterably opposed to discrimination in armed services, but the fraternity has not authorized any spokesman to propose possible treasonable refusal by Negroes to bear arms, nor would we encourage any such refusal".

"Moreover, neither Reynolds nor any other spokesman is authorized to speok jointly for the Omega Fraternity and any other organizations. Reynolds was appointed as Omega representative to urge non-discriminatroy military program but was not authorized to go to the extent he did, now was such a position even contemplated or discussed." Sun. 4-4-48

Omegas Hear William H. Hastie At 34th Conclave

Atlanta Daily World

DETROIT — (ANP) — Gov. William H. Hastie of the Virgin islands was one of the principal speakers at the 34th annual grand conclave of Omega Psi Phi fraternity when it opened its fourth day meeting at Bethel AME Church here Dec. 27. Sharing honors with him was Mayor Jeffries, who delivered the welcome address to delegates of other chapters of the Greek-letter group.

Highlight of the session was the report of the National Social Action committee, which reviewed its work during the past year and outlined a vigorous program for 1948.

Formed in 1944, the group is directed by sub-committee chairman Dr. Robert C. Weaver, achievement project director, Chicago; Dr. Frank Horne, health and housing, Washington; Dr. Albert W. Dent, educational and cultural relations, New Orleans; James M. Nabrit, law and legislation, Washington; and Dr. John A. Davis, employment and social security, Lincoln University, Pa. In addition, the committee includes the Omega Housing authority, headed by Asa T. Spaulding, Durham, N. C., and the scholarship committee led by Dr. W. Montague Cobb, Washington.

The entertainment program for visiting Omegas was sponsored jointly by Greek-letters organizations of the city and consisted of a smoker. "Get Acquainted Party," open house at Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity club rooms, cocktail and dance party at Twelve Horsemen's Civic center given by Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta sororities, followed by the Kappa Alpha Psi dance in Labor temple.

Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity also gave a cocktail party, while Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta sororities sponsored a dance in Grayston ballroom. The annual Founders Day banquet of the Omegas was held in Club 666. Col. Campbell C. Johnson, Omega's grand basileus, Washington, presided over the sessions.

Omegas Repudiate Penn's Disavowal Of Reynolds

Pittsburgh Courier

NEW YORK—(NNPA)—Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has repudiated the fraternity's national basileus, Dr. Harry T. Penn of Roanoke, Virginia, for his disavowal of Grant Reynolds as a spokesman for the fraternity in presenting to the Senate Armed Services Committee the civil disobedience program Mr. Reynolds and A. Philip Randolph are advocating, it was learned. Sun. 5-2-48

The controversy may be carried to the floor of the next national convention of the fraternity, it was said.

After Epsiln chapter voted to repudiate Dr. Penn, it was learned, a fight developed over whether Senator Ghan Gurney, of South Dakota, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, should be notified of the committee's action. A motion to do so was overwhelmingly passed, it was learned, and the chapter secretary, Ludlow, publisher of the New York Age was instructed to write Dr. Penn and send a copy to Senator Gurney.

OBJECTION MADE

Monroe Dowling, head of Fusilon Chapter, was absent at the meeting at which Mr. Dowling was present, Mr. Werner reeportedly stated he would not send the letter over his signature, and Mr. Dowling was opposed to sending Senator Gurney a copy of it. Sun. 5-2-48

Upon reconsideration it was de-

Omegas' Regional Meet Hits Civil Injustices

Atlanta Daily World Atlanta, Ga. 4-27-48

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity winding up a two-day conference of the Seventh District Sunday morning at Morehouse College said in one of its adopted resolutions that it "stands in formidable objection to the Regional University pact, as proposed at the Southern Governors Conference.

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In another resolution, the fraternity representatives asserted that they "respect the position" taken by the national office of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, it also "realizes that Omega members are disturbed and disheartened over Jimcrowry in the Armed services and in other fields of American Life." It added in the same resolution that we are unhappy over the fact that no plan other than that proposed by Grant Reynolds and A. Philip Randolph has so dramatized the Negro's disgust with Jimcrowry in the Armed forces.

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Each chapter in the Seventh District encouraged to provide the stimulation to achieve such a voting status. Omega men are encouraged to become active leaders in political action on the community level, first. Omega men should be the first to go to war against devices designed to restrict or suppress the Negro vote.

TERRORISM 4-27-48

We deplore the spreading terrorism in the South whether by Klans, police, mobs, industry or private citizens. Omega should fashion a full-scale program calculated to achieve such objectives as curbing terrorism. 4-27-48

Omegas Fete Gov. Driscoll With Achievement Plaque

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Presentation of a plaque on Oct. 17, to Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll of New Jersey, for his significant contribution to civil and human liberties, marked the first District Achievement Award made by the Second District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The exercises concluded its annual meeting here.

The presentation was made to the Governor's mother, Mrs. Driscoll in the absence of her son who was ill. The public meeting was held at Jethro Presbyterian Church. Richard E. Carey, attorney of New York City, fraternity grand counselor, made the presentation.

Mrs. Driscoll paid tribute to the fraternity's work and said that credit for her son's accomplishments should be given to the people of New Jersey who saw eye to eye with him in the matter of civil liberties as enunciated in the new State constitution.

3 States Represented

Principal address was by Mifflin T. Gibbs, district representative. Dr. Harry T. Penn of Roanoke, Va., grand basileus, was presented as were other grand officers. Russell Lamkin, basileus of Upsilon Alpha Chapter, presided. The conclave of the Omega chapters of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, formally opened at the YMCA.

District officers elected were:

W. H. Ridley, Rochester, N.Y., vice president; the re-election of Mifflin T. Gibbs, district representative; Nathaniel A. Burrell, president; Marion F. English, secretary; George E. Meares, treasurer; Ludlow W. Warner, director of publicity; Donald D. Adams, director of public relations; Richard E. Carey, counselor; D. V. Harris, sergeant-at-arms; and H. Albion Farrell, chaplain. The 1949 regional meeting will be held in Rochester, N.Y.

National Negro Achievement Week

Washington, D. C.—Significant advancements made by colored people in the world-wide struggle for equality of opportunity will be dramatically presented by more than 200 chapters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in varied programs and projects featured during the observance of National Negro Achievement Week, November 7-13th, 1948.

Each chapter will observe the week with special activities in their respective areas, according to information released by Dr. A. G. Macklin, Chairman of the National Committee, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia.

The theme of the celebration for this year is: "Make America Safe By Insuring Justice For All." Emphasis will be placed on the gains made by Negroes as a result of far-reaching court decisions, assuring justice to minority groups, and general achievement made by the race during the past year.

A national high school essay contest open to all senior high school students on the subject, "The Individual Key to True Democracy," is being conducted in conjunction with Achievement Week. Cash prizes totalling $250.00 will be awarded to high school seinors for winning essays, submitted directly to Dr. Macklin prior to November 10, 1948. Prizes are to be awarded on or about December 15, when the judging will have been completed.

Omega Council Maps 1948 Program of Social Action

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Council of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in its first meeting of the year mapped its full procedure for its national social action program for 1948.

The meeting, held at the national headquarters of the fraternity here, was presided over by Dr. H. T. Penn of Roanoke, Va., the newly-elected grand basileus.

Dr. Penn announced the names of those who had been appointed on the various committees and keynoted the meeting with his proposals for the continued progress of the fraternity.

Council Members Present

Those attending the meeting were:

Dr. Penn, grand basileus; J. H. Calhoun, Atlanta, first vice grand basileus; Thomas A. Lassiter, Charlotte, N.C., second vice grand basileus; J. Arthur Weiseger, Washington, grand keeper of records and seal; J. B. Blayton, Atlanta, grand keeper of finance; Richard E. Carey, New York City, grand counselor; Charles W. Collins, New York City, editor of the Oracle; Dr. Robert L. Gill, Baltimore, chairman of the history committee; Charles E. Williams, Washington, assistant keeper of records and seal; E. F. Corbett, Norfolk, Va., national director of public relations; and T. H. Shields, third district representatives.

Dr. Reid Named Consultant

The grand basileus will serve as director of the fraternity's social action program; and Dr. Ira De. A. Reid of Atlanta has been named as consultant. Sub - committee members are as follows:

Health and housing—Dr Roscoe C. Brown, Washington, chairman; Dr. Frank Horne, Washington, co-chairman; Vasco D. Hale, Bloomfield, Conn.; Dr. Myron S. McGuire, Buffalo, N.Y.; Dr. Jos. P. Smith, Cincinnati; De. A. B. Green, Norfolk, Va.; Webster A. Porter, Knoxville, Tenn.; R. K. Williams, Greensboro, S.C.; Dr. B. T. Griffith, Industrial College, Ga.; George W. Washington, Forth Worth, Texas; Dr. R. W. Johnson, Lynchburg, Va.; Dr. J. Murphy Powell, Des Moines, Ia.; Ralph Vaughn, Los Angeles, members;

Employment and social security—Kay W. McMillian, Fort Worth, Texas, chairman; Lawrence A. Oxley, Washington, co-chairman; George L. Goodman, Hartford, Conn.; George E. Meares, Brooklyn; Chester W. Gray, Columbus, Ohio; Charles Fletcher, Baltimore; Julian Bell, Nashville; F. R. Avant, Durham, N.C.; Dr. B. R. Brazeal, Atlanta; Harry Bass, Little Rock, Ark.; A. C. Partee, Dallas, Texas; Benjamin F. Wilson, Gary, Ind.; Dr. C. F. Holmes, Denver, Colo.; James E. Stratton, San Francisco, members;

Education and cultural relations—J. Alston Atkins, Winston-Salem, N.C., chairman; John F. Potts, Charleston, S.C., co-chairman; Paris V. Sterrett, Providence, R.I.; H. Albion Ferrell, Pleasantville, N.J.; J. Coldius Toles, Roanowe, Va.; Melvin Payne, Columbus, Ohio; Rev. V. O. Kyle, Memphis, Tenn.; Malcolm D. Williams, Raleigh, N.C.; Dr. Robert C. Hatch, Montgomery, Ala.; O. Anderson Fuller, Jefferson City, Mo.; Franw Rayson, Shreveport, La.; Willard R. Ransom, Indianapolis; Rev. John M. Evans, Denver; Father R. R. Moore, Los Angeles, members;

Reynolds Heads Law Unit

Law and legislation—Grant Reynolds, New York, chairman; Oliver W. Hill, Richmond, Va., co-chairman; Willard L. Brown, Charleston, W. Va.; Edward W. Dixon, Boston; Roger Yancy, Newark, N.J.; James Douglas Gill, Roanoke, Va.; N. M. Goldston, Institute, W. Va.; Moses P. Bowers, Knoxville; J. C. McKinney, Greensboro, N.C.; L. E. Thomas, Miami; Carlton Pryor, Topeka; James Wiley Brown, Austin, Texas; Norman B. Wells, Detroit; Luther Glanton, Des Moines, Ia; Lloyd D. Dickey, Phoenix, Ariz., members;

Achievement Project—Dr. Arnett G. Macklin, Petersburg, Va., chairman; Sylvester W. Odum, Boston; the Rev. Edgar A. Love, New York; Craig R. Means, Washington; J. Edwards Blackwell, Cleveland; Heywood S. Rosemond, Orangeburg, S.C.; Dr. William H. Boyd, Fort Valley, Ga.; A. P. Pirtee, Baton Rouge; Robert S. Murray, Minneapolis; Prentice Boyd, Denver; Earl P. Jones, San Francisco; and Walter N. Eidley, Petersburg, Va.

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SIGMAS IN NASHVILLE — R. O. Johnson, Ph. D., newly elected National President of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, met forty-one members, representing four Nashville Chapters, Kappa, Zeta Alpha, Alpha Gamma and Eta Beta Sigma, Sunday afternoon, March 21 at a smoker held in Ann's Tea Room.

Dr. Johnson, although the occasion was informal, lost little time in getting important fraternity business before the brothers present in a well planned address. During his discourse, Dr. Johnson emphasized the national program and urged that each member, each chapter and region dedicate all to vigorous and militant action in order that material gain might be made this year in putting over the ideals of Sigma. "This," he stated, must be done if we as Sigmas are to make a contribution to the growth of our community, state, and country at large.

Atlanta, Ga.

Phi Beta Sigma Marks Better Business Week

ST. LOUIS.—(ANP)—Phi Beta Sigma throughout the nation is Sigma throughout the nation is observing Bigger and Better Business week during April, S. E. Gilbert, national director of the Bigger and Better Business program of the fraternity, announced here this week.

The annual "Bigger and Better Business week" from April 1-10 is being sponsored by the U. S. Department of Commerce in conjunction with the Commerce club and Alpha chapter of the fraternity at Howard university along with other leading business organizations of the Washington area.

Plan Local Confab

According to Gilbert, graduate and undergraduate chapters found n major cities and schools of the country are joining with the department of commerce in sponsoring similar conferences on small business, realizing that the majority of Negro business is small.

Selected Negroes in business will exchange views on problems of mutual interest and relate their personal experiences. Students and persons with business inclinations will benefit from the advice and guidance on the "know how" of a successful business as related by the speakers.

An additional benefit of this session, particularly to young people, is the presentation of Negroes in business who have overcome the barriers of prejudice to attain success in their chosen fields. This represents the inspirational aspect of the proposed conference.

Many Leaders Invited

In addition to the general public, special invitations have been sent to Negro businessmen and educations. representatives of Negro businesses and trade associations in the United States, Virgin Islands, Haiti, Liberia and the Caribbean countries; and teachers and business students from various colleges and universities.

Dr. Johnson Re-elected Head of Sigma Fraternity

34th Annual Conclave Endorses Civil Rights and Anti-Inflation Programs

LOS ANGELES (ANP)—At its 34th annual conclave held here Aug. 11-14, the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity re-elected as president, Dr. R. O. Johnson, Washington, D.C. The fraternity voted to hold its next year's meeting in the Nation's Capital.

Speakers heard on various programs included:

Dr. Ambrose Caliver of Washington, Mayor Fletcher Brown of Los Angeles, B. O. Miller, president, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

George A. Beavers, chairman, board of directors, Golden State Mutual Life Insurance company, H. A. Howard, founder and president, Broadway Federal Savings and Loan Association;

Miss Honore Carey, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Charles Thrash, Omega Psi Phi; Miss Catherine Stiefel, Sigma Gamma Rho; Barksdale Brown, Alpha Phi Alpha; Miss Helen Maupice, Alpha Kappa Alpha; John E. Hargrove, Kappa Alpha Psi; Miss Marian B. Jackson, Iota Phi Lambda, and Miss Verdi Donald, Zeta Phi Beta.

Supports Civil Rights

The Sigmas passed resolutions to support a civil rights program and also to fight inflation.

Undergraduate chapters received trophy awards from the department of education for outstanding scholastic work were the Beta Gamma, Hampton Institute, the George W. Lawrence trophy; Alpha Alpha, Wilberforce University, the Dr. I. L. Scruggs and Beta, Wiley College, the Dr. Alan LeRoy Locke trophy.

Service Awards

For outstanding service to the fraternity over a periods of 10 years as well as continued service to their communities, Dr. George W. Hightower and Horace E. Bell, chapter presidents, received distinguished service keys.

Others elected to office were: Dr. Felix J. Brown, Richmond, vice president; Julius C. Thomas, Chicago, junior vice president; W. Brown, executive secretary, Richmond; Dr. George W. Hightower, Atlanta, director of education; Hudson L. Levell, New York, director of social action, and Dr. S. Edward Gilbert, St. Louis, director of public relations.

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Local Phi Beta Sigmas Urge Tuck On Segration Repeal

NORFOLK—Governor W. M. Tuck was urged Saturday to use his influence to speed favorable action on Bill 2-266 "that your address to the General Assembly on Thursday morning of this week was filled with misrepresentations as to the Civil Rights program for all American citizens, and particularly Negro citizens living in the South." Continuing, it said: "We cannot conceive how you could conclude that the Negro is satisfied with race discrimination that is imposed on it by laws enacted by the Legislature. Until these segregation laws are repealed there will be no peace and good will toward all men.

"It is further to be regretted that you asked and made a plea for reversal of the social progress that has been made in Virginia and in the Southland in the past years. We sincerely hope that the members of the General Assembly will not adhere to the un-democratic principles you have recommended because they are ill-tempered and ill-advised.

Afro-American Baltimore Md Sat. 8-28-48

Chicago Defender 8-28-48

Atlanta, Ga. 8-28-48

"We are calling upon you and urging you to give further study to President Truman's Civil Rights program and speed action on the repeal of the segregation laws introduced in the House of Delegates by Delegrate W. Hy. C. Murray known as House Bills 262-266.

Because of your high office it is incumbent upon you to deal wisely and accord to all citizens justice regardless of race, creed or color. And we further state that one of the basic tenets of democracy is that the people are the judges — of laws and have a right to ask for an accounting at any time. Laws are subject to the judgment of the people thru the ballot that does not have a price attached."

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Phi Delta Kappa

Awarded Service Key

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Dr. Aaron Brown Given High Honor

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Special to The Courier

ALBANY, Ga.—Dr. Aaron Brown, president of Albany State College here, has been awarded the Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity Service Key. He is believed the first of his race to receive this honor.

Phi Delta Kappa is a professional education fraternity connected with leading American colleges and universities.

Dr. Brown is a member of Zeta Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, located at the University of Chicago, where he received the Ph. D. with distinction. He was awarded the Service Key in recognition of his outstanding work in the field of educational administration. He has been a member in good standing of the fraternity for seven years.

POPULAR PRESIDENT

President Brown is also a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternty, Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society and several other fraternal and professional organizations.

In addition to serving as president of the rapidly growing Al-

DR. AARON BROWN

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bany State College, Dr. Brown is editor of the Herald, official journal of Georgia's 7,000 Negro teachers, and is chairman of the Georgia Committee on Cooperation in Teacher Education.

Sat.

Dr. Brown was born in Pensacola, Fla. He is married and has three children. His wife is the former Martha Ivory of Memphis, Tenn.

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KAPPA SERVICE KEY

Educator's Frat Honors Georgia College President

Sat. 7-31-48

ALBANY, Ga. — Dr. Aaron Brown, president of the Albany (Ga.) State College is the first Negro to receive the Phi Delta Kappa fraternity Service Key. Phi Delta Kappa is a professional education fraternity connected with leading American colleges and universities of graduate rank maintaining schools, colleges or departments of education of exceptionally high standing.

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VICTORY AT AMHERST

The Amherst College football team beat Williams on Saturday by a score of 13 to 7, but it may be that another sort of victory, won on the Amherst campus on Friday, will be longer remembered. Until Friday, Amherst had a chapter of the national Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. On Friday that chapter was suspended by the national executive committee for "unfraternal conduct." This conduct consisted in a decision to go ahead with the initiation of a respected and popular student who happened to be a Negro. The Amherst chapter chose to defy this dictate of intolerance. In taking this position it was in line with the declared policy of the Amherst College trustees, adopted two years ago, and, we hope and believe, with student opinion on the Amherst campus.

The general public can have no concern with college fraternities, but it is rightly concerned with the prevalence of the democratic spirit in institutions which receive tax exemptions and other forms of public support. In this episode we see the real meaning of a liberal education. An Amherst degree has always been respected. It will be more respected now.

PRAISES AMHERST CHAPTER

To the STAR:

Regarding the article entitled, "NYU Fraternities Polled on Bias," appearing in the Nov. 21 issue of the *New York Star*, I wish to congratulate you for presenting another vital social problem to the public. It is consistent with the policy of your newspaper. Praise is also due to the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity of Amherst for their stand on accepting a Negro within the fraternal fold regardless of their chapter's suspension from the national fraternity.

Universities and colleges are for the most part dedicated to the teaching of democratic ideals. If these ideals are not practiced on the campuses where they are propagated, the possibility that they will become realities is remote. Many people argue that American people are not yet prepared for racial and religious toleration in social intercourse and social legislation. These conservatives feel that such ideas are a generation premature. Many Tories used the same logic in their opposition to the American Revolution.

As a sociology student, I realize that effective social change is a slow and evolutionary process. In any event, the time inevitably comes when the initial stages must be inaugurated. Phi Kappa Psi's acceptance of a Negro student represents a primary stage of social progress.

Syracuse, N. Y. NORMAN FENDELL

D.C. Editor Raps Bias Of Kappa Psi

WASHINGTON — Ernest K. Lindley, columnist, and Washington editor of Newsweek magazine accused the national executive council of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, in which he holds membership, with conduct befitting the Ku Klux Klan in expelling the Amherst college chapter when it pledged Thomas W. Gibbs, a Negro.

In a public statement released to the press condemning the fraternity's action, Lindley declared "In these times and those ahead, any white American who cannot meet on the basis of social equality with members of other races is, in that respect, a liability to his country."

Assailing the fraternity for imposing a racial ban which he states so far as he knows is not required by charter or rules of the organization, Lindley charged that the suspension of the Amherst chapter "pollutes Phi Kappa Psi and every one of its members with the loathsome taint of Ku Klux Klanism."

He also took strong exception to the "unfraternal conduct" charge on which the Amherst college chapter was dismissed. He termed it "grotesque perversion not only of the English language, but of all the fine principles for which our fraternity, in common with many others, profess to stand."

Lindley said that he had urged the national executive council promptly to reconsider and revoke its action against the Amherst chapter.

Meanwhile, the Amherst chapter has initiated Gibbs into the fraternity to become the first Negro member of Phi Kappa Psi in the 127-year history of the college. The chapter will operate as a local organization.

College Fraternity to Make Member of Negro Athlete

AMHERST, Mass.— (AP) — The Amherst College chapter of Phi Kappa Psi announced that Tom Gibbs, sophomore Negro athlete, would be initiated despite opposition from some of the fraternity's national officers.

Frederick D. Greene II, president of the Amherst Chapter, said that Gibbs' initiation would be Nov. 23.

Gibbs, of Evanston, Ill., is on the Amherst varsity cross-country team and is an elected member of the college's student council.

Greene said that Gibbs' initiation had been held up until the fraternity's 54 chapters could be polled. Only a third responded to the poll, Greene said, with nearly a half opposed to accepting him, a third in favor and the others noncommittal.

7 Quit to Protest Frat's Suspension For Taking Negro

Swarthmore, Pa., Dec. 16 (AP)— Seven of the 32 members of a national fraternity at Swarthmore College resigned today to protest suspension of the fraternity's Amherst (Mass.) College chapter for initiating a Negro.

In a letter to the Swarthmore Phoenix, campus newspaper, Heinz Valpin, Washington, president of the Swarthmore chapter of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, said:

"We cannot justifiably belong to any fraternal organization that chooses its members on the basis of race and religious creed, rather than on merit."

Phi Psi Board Backs Ouster of Amherst Unit

Chapter's Suspension for Initiating Negro Upheld Unanimously by Council

After an eight-hour closed meeting at the Hotel Commodore yesterday, the ten-man national executive council of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity unanimously upheld the action of their president, Howard L. Hamilton, of Columbus, Ohio, in suspending the organization's Amherst College chapter for taking in a Negro student.

The Amherst College chapter initiated Thomas W. Gibbs, a Negro sophomore, of Evanston, Ill., last Tuesday, after the chapter had been suspended by Mr. Hamilton when it made its intentions known earlier this month.

The present decision followed closely on that of the National Interfraternity Council on Saturday to leave its member fraternities the right "to select its own members from amon gthe students of a university," with the assertion that "the wisdom or desirability or social consideration affecting membership, including religious, racial or national qualifications are thus the concern of the fraternity itself."

C. F. Williams, secretary of the Phi Kappa Psi council, who handed reporters a prepared statement, refused to amplify the council's actions in any way. He declined to give the names of the members of the council and would not give any of the details of the meeting.

Other members of the council who stood by refused also to comment, not would they give their names to reporters.

The complete text of the statement follows:

"The executive council of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, which is composed of six undergraduate and four alumni members, today unanimously sustained the action of the fraternity's president in suspending the charter of the Massachusetts Alpha chapter of the fraternity located at Amherst, Mass.

"The council found that at its national convention at Estes Park, Colo., in July, after numerous chapters, alumni associations and individual members protested the pledging of the young man in question, the Amherst chapter's delegates voluntarily agreed that for the sake of harmony he should not be initiated.

"The Phi Kappa Psi fraternity is primarily a social organization, and the executive council found that the overwhelming majority of its chapters and alumni associations is firmly opposed to such initiation."

All-White Fraternity

A good many newspaper readers may not care two hoots that Phi Kappa Psi fraternity is still all-white, but a few things deserve to be said. The Greek-letter societies have more than a million members, and while most of these individuals no longer are passionately concerned over the doings at the old chapter house, the current Amherst incident serves to point up that when the problem of racial minority comes close to home the answer is not simple. The Amherst chapter admitted a Negro on his merit as a human being, and one might have supposed that the national organization of Phi Kappa Psi could have passed the matter over. Negroes attend Amherst without question; at Southern schools, so far at least, segregation is the rule. But Phi Kappa Psi's executive council was not disposed to leave the question to local determination. The Amherst chapter is suspended. Phi Kappa Psi, calling itself "primarily a social organization," draws the line on a Negro as national policy. An outside distinction is arbitrarily imposed; no Negroes are wanted in Phi Kappa Psi, at Amherst or anywhere else.

Phi Kappa Psi undoubtedly considers the Amherst affair a private fight, but the outside interest is thoroughly legitimate. The fraternity council's outlook is disturbing, and reflects no credit on a system often attacked. The argument of a private band of brothers seems just a trifle wide, since the local brothers made the choice. But Phi Kappa Psi has spoken, and at least it is interesting proof that racial reluctance is found not only in the South.

Membership of Negro Fraternity

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES:

The question of the policy of college Greek letter fraternities in regard to Negro membership has received much attention during recent weeks. Of course, no final decision has been reached or could be reached on a matter which is fraught with so many possible interpretations and accompanied by so much personal feeling. However, I should like to add some information to the discussion which those concerned might take into consideration in reaching fair and understanding conclusions.

I happened to have had the privilege of being associated with eight other Negro students at Cornell University in the fall of 1906, when Alpha Phi Alpha, the first all-Negro fraternity, was given birth. The organization started as a social study club, but in protest against anti-Negro policies of white fraternities was transformed into a Greek letter fraternity. I was president of the fraternity when it decided to nationalize the organization, and in the school year 1907-08 the first three additional chapters were established at Howard University, Virginia Union University and the University of Toronto. Today there are over 200 chapters located at points from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from border to border, with more than 10,000 members. It is interesting to note that Alpha Phi Alpha has had the same problem in reverse as Phi Kappa Psi.

Members of Alpha Phi Alpha have, in several chapters, raised the question of the acceptance of white students as members. The matter came to a head at the national convention two years ago, when the fraternity voted to initiate white members. Now there are white members in good standing in the

fraternity and the question of policy, so far as inter-racial non-discrimination, is settled.

I think you and your readers will catch the significance of my observation. EUGENE KINCKLE JONES.

New York, Dec. 7, 1948.

NEGRO CASE WINS FRATERNITY ACTION

Sec Journal

National Council to Consider Controversy Aroused by Its Suspension of Chapter

The national executive council of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity will meet here Sunday to discuss what if any action it should take in the controversy over its suspension of the Amherst College chapter, which had asked a Negro student to join it.

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The council meeting was called by Howard L. Hamilton of Columbus, Ohio, national president of the fraternity, because of the reaction to the suspension order.

A large number of letters has been received at the Columbus headquarters of the fraternity expressing both agreement and disagreement with the council's action in the matter, it was learned yesterday. A majority of the letters received from Phi Kappa Psi members were said to express approval of the action against the Amherst chapter, which was held to have broken "an unwritten law" of the fraternity barring Negroes from membership.

Many of these persons pointed out, it was reported, that Chinese, Jews and members of other racial and religious groups had been admitted to the fraternity. The only group against which the fraternity's "unwritten law" was directed has heretofore been the Negroes, it was said.

Among the letters received by the fraternity was one from Ernest K. Lindley, newspaper commentator. Mr. Lindley is a member of Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Beta Kappa and was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford University.

Action's Revocation Urged

"I am not unaware of the deep emotions and practical problems surrounding the social mingling of races," Mr. Lindley wrote. "They raise many difficulties even for those who acknowledge—as some regrettably do not—that all American citizens are entitled to equal civil rights and to equal educational and economic opportunities. I do not forget that Phi Kappa Psi is a social organization and that it has chapters in all sections of the nation. The thought of having a Negro 'brother' may offend some of our members and embarrass others.

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"In reply, or reassurance, I say that in these times, and those ahead, any white American who cannot meet on the basis of social equality with members of other races is, in that respect, a liability to his country. Certainly he should not be regarded as a well-educated man, and, least of all, should he be regarded as a desirable member of an organization which is supposed to attract, or produce, good citizens and gentlemen."

Mr. Lindley urged the national executive council to "reconsider and revoke its action with respect to the Amherst chapter."

Wider Bias Urged on Fraternity

New York Star

Thurs 12-2-48

By TED STOW

The action of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity in suspending its Amherst College chapter for pledging a Negro student has been condemned—as not going far enough—by the Johnstown, Pa., Alumni Association of the fraternity, the *Star* learned yesterday.

In a resolution addressed to the fraternity's executive council, the Johnstown alumni demanded that restrictions be written into the fraternity's constitution barring not only Negroes but "adherents of all Semitic creeds . . . of all religions which do not respect the oath of secrecy" as well.

Disclosure of the resolution—copies of which have been mailed to all Phi Kappa Psi chapters—came from David G. McConnell, of 435 W. 119th St., Columbia University undergraduate and member of the 1947 Columbia football squad.

Resigned in Protest

McConnell, president of Phi Kappa Psi's New York Gamma chapter at Columbia in 1944, told the *Star* that he submitted his resignation from the fraternity on Nov. 19 in protest against the racist actions of the national body.

The Johnstown resolution, dated Nov. 16, labels the action of the Amherst chapter in pledging a Negro part of a "malignant growth" on the fraternity body and demands that the Amherst charter be revoked, and that members of the Amherst chapter be expelled from the fraternity and "bodily ejected" from their fraternity house.

On Nov. 23, the Amherst group, in defiance of suspension threats by the national body, initiated Thomas W. Gibbs as the first Negro fraternity man in Amherst's 127-year history.

Upheld President

At a closed meeting in the Hotel Commodore Sunday, the 10-man national executive council of Phi Kappa Psi unanimously upheld the action of national president Howard L. Hamilton, of Columbus, O., in suspending Amherst's charter.

Clarence F. Williams, of Cleveland, national secretary, then refused to name the members of the council. Yesterday, the *Star* learned that the council includes, besides Hamilton and Williams:

Homer D. Lininger, vice-president, of Tucson, Ariz.; Harlan B. Selby, treasurer, of Morgantown, W. Va.; H. Calvin Coolidge, Brown University; Robert E. Leber, Gettysburg College, Pa.; Dana F. Harland, Allegheny College, Pa.; Frank S. Whiting, Jr., University of Illinois; Gene R. Mc Laughlin, University of Kansas, and John C. Noble, Jr., University of Oregon.

Four Are Alumni

Hamilton, Williams, Lininger and Selby are alumni; the rest are undergraduates.

Among appointed national officers of Phi Kappa Psi is its scholarship director, Frank C. Baldwin, dean of men at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

The Johnson resolution demands that the chapter be "not only traditionally, but constitutionally, forbidden to initiate negroes *(sic)* and restricted to initiate only members of the white race."

Amherst Frat Initiates First Negro Member

Herald Tribune N.Y.

AMHERST, Mass., Nov. 25—(AP)—Amherst College's newly-formed Phi Psi Fraternity yesterday gave its answer to a national fraternity's objections to offering membership to a Negro.

The Amherst local initiated Thomas W. Gibbs, of Evanston, Ill., Tuesday, with 13 other members of the sophomore class.

The action made Gibbs the first Negro member of an Amherst fraternity in the college's 127-year history.

The local chapter was suspended from the national fraternity, Phi Kappa Psi, two weeks ago when it announced it intended to admit Gibbs against the national office's orders.

The new local chapter has the approval of Amherst officials who recently ordered each fraternity to delete any discriminatory language from its charter.

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FRATERNITY COUNCIL UPHOLDS SUSPENSION

The ten-man executive council of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity unanimously upheld yesterday the action of the fraternity's president in suspending the Amherst College chapter for admitting a negro to membership. The council met at the Hotel Commodore.

Thomas W. Gibbs, a Negro student from Evanston, Ill., was invited to join the Massachusetts alpha chapter of Phi Kappa Psi several months ago. He was a member of the Amherst College student council and of the college's cross-country team. After he was pledged to the fraternity Howard L. Hamilton of Columbus, Ohio, national president of the fraternity, announced the suspension of the Amherst chapter.

The chapter then decided to form a new fraternity to be called Phi Psi and Mr. Gibbs was initiated last Tuesday.

Thurs 11-25-48

The statement issued yesterday after the meeting of the executive council of Phi Kappa Psi said:

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"The council found that at its national convention at Estes Park, Colo., in July, after numerous chapters, alumni associations and individual members protested the pledging of the young man in question, the Amherst chapter's delegates voluntarily agreed that for the sake of harmony he would not be initiated.

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Phi Psi Color Line

Herald Tribune

Member of Fraternity Sides With Amherst Chapter

To the New York Herald Tribune:

Congratulations on your Nov. 25 editorial, "Who Is More Mature?" about the bigotry of the Phi Kappa Psi executive council.

My interest is more than casual, as I joined the Bucknell chapter of this fraternity in 1933. I have written the executive council, asking that my name be dropped from the rolls if the Amherst chapter is suspended if it initiates Tom Gibbs.

Writing in the May, 1948, issue of "The Shield," the official publication of Phi Kappa Psi, ex-president Winston Rousseau Tate says of the aims of Phi Psi brotherhood, . . . "when we arrive at the point where we accept the lads next to us as brothers, and this without reservation, then we reach a point in our thinking where we become humble before all mankind. From this point it is not a far step to the brotherhood of man concept. I think Phi Kappa Psi is a stepping stone in that direction."

Apparently the Pharisaic minds of the executive council did not grasp the meaning of Brother Tate's article. ROBERT J. VOGEL.

Caldwell, N. J., Nov. 15, 1948.

To the New York Herald Tribune:

As a Phi Kappa Psi mother, and proud of it, I wish to express my indignation and disgust at your unfair editorial attack directed against national President Howard L. Hamilton, of Columbus, Ohio, and other leading officials of the fraternity.

Phi Psi has always had among its members some of the finest and most outstanding men in business, science and the professions. Can you in all intelligence ask the question, "Who Is More Mature?" (the title of your editorial) by comparing these eminent men—the late President Woodrow Wilson was a Phi Psi—with a group of twenty-year-old students?

It would seem reasonable to me that fraternities, private clubs, societies and other similar organizations should be permitted the privilege of choosing their own members subject to approval of their duly elected officers.

You say "our country still has a long way to travel on the road to tolerance," but is your newspaper promoting tolerance by seizing upon the Amherst incident and playing it up on the front pages—along with other papers—until it has become a national incident? I think you are the ones who are immature.

National Racial Ban Causes 7 Swarthmore Fraters to Quit

SWARTHMORE, PA.—In protest against the national body's suspension of the Phi Kappa Psi chapter at Amherst College for by members initiating a colored member, seven members of the national fra- from within. ternity at Swarthmore College have resigned from the organization. who favor ra Heinz Valpin of Washington, president of the Swarthmore chapter, declared: "We can that chooses rather than not resign not be initiated into the fraternity. They added further that the situation could not be corrected justifiably belong to any fraternal organization poses its members on the basis of race and religious creed, than on merit." Fifteen other members of the chapter did sign but expressed their regret that colored persons could

GIBBS ONE OF AMHERST'S MOST ACTIVE STUDENTS

Atlanta Daily World

BY LUIX VIRGIL OVERBEA

EVANSTON, Ill. — (ANP) — Thomas Gibbs III, home on vacation from Amherst college, is one of his school's most active students, in school and out.

Recently the center of a fraternity controversy because he was the first Negro to be admitted to the Amherst chapter of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, Gibbs does not brag about his achievement, nor does he like to discuss the Greek letter issue.

Of the fraternity and his "brothers", Gibbs said, "The fellows are tops." He made the same remark about the school as a whole. He added, however, "It is unfortunate that it (the suspension of his chapter by the national fraternity) had to happen but nothing could be done."

Gibbs is majoring in history in preparation for the study of law. His extra-curricula activities include membership in the Debating council, the political union, the Students council, the Freshman Orientation committee and the varsity track team.

ORGANIZED COMMITTEE.

Because he found himself with nothing to do when he was a freshman during "Freshman Week," he organized the Freshman Orientation comittee. This committee, Gibbs said, acquaints the freshman with the other fellows on the campus and lines up a bunch of interesting activities for them.

He was elected to the student council. In track Gibbs runs the cross country. He also takes part in all his fraternity activities.

While home on his vacation for Christmas Gibbs worked and also caught up with some of his hobbies They include reading, stamp and coin collecting, getting and listening to records, and scouting. He also loves to travel.

Be-bop takes second place to classical music in his disc tastes. He is an Eagle. This activity has provided him pleasure in two of his other hobbies, stamp collecting and traveling.

AT WORLD JAMBOREE.

In 1947 Gibbs was one of a special group of scouts of all races to visit Europe at the World Scout Jamboree, The scouts visited France, Belgium and Holland. The French were the hosts.

While on the Jamboree he met the president of France and the American ambassador to that country. He also picked up on one of his favorite stamps, the Jamboree issue of French stamps.

His vacation reading includes catching up on the latest novels. He reported that his class work and outside activities at school take up all his time, and leaves no time for reading.

Whatever is left of his vacation time he puts in working around the house. He lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gibbs, and three brothers and a sister.

His brothers are Donald, 10; George, 16; and Joseph, 17. His sister is Barbara, 13. Thomas is 19 years old. His father operates one of Evanston's leading taxi firms, Gibbs Cab company.

FRIENDLY STUDENTS.

Getting back to the topic of school. Thomas said that students there are very friendly, and the faculty is among the best.

Only six Negroes attend Amherst. Of these he is the only one who is a member of a fraternity. Two of them are freshmen and could conceivably make a frat, and the other three are members of Lord Jeff, a social club on the campus.

There are 13 frat houses and one independent house on the campus that rush students during rush week, he revealed. Last year, he said, the Phi Kappa Psi men picked him as well as other fellows.

Pointing out that the students also have a choice in selecting a fraternity, he added that he favored the Phi Kappa Psi. As a whole, he said, he enjoyed frat life and campus life.

Fraternity Segregation

As a member of Phi Kappa Psi I have urged the national executive council promptly to reconsider and revoke its action with respect to the Amherst chapter.

To the best of my knowledge, nothing in the charter or rules of our fraternity bars any man from membership on account of his religion or race. The invitations to membership have been, and are, issued by the local chapters. These local decisions have generally been respected, even though they have given Phi Kappa Psi and other Greek letter fraternities a certain percentage of ne'er-do-wells, along with some superior men and many good, solid citizens. Although I have never seen him and know nothing more about him than has been published in the press, the Negro whom Massachusetts Alpha has pledged and has decided to initiate, even at the cost of suspension by our national fraternity, appears to be an outstanding young man. Perhaps, in service to his country and to civilization he will outdo most of our members. In any event, the desire and judgment of the local chapter should prevail.

I am not unaware of the deep emotions and practical problems surrounding the social mingling of races. They raise many difficulties even for those who acknowledge—as some regrettably do not—that all American citizens are entitled to equal civil rights and to equal educational and economic opportunities. I do not forget that Phi Kappa Psi is a social organization and that it has chapters in all sections of the Nation. The thought of having a Negro "brother" may offend some of our members and embarrass others. In reply, or reassurance, I say that in these times, and those ahead, any white American who cannot meet on the basis of social equality with members of other races is, in that respect, a liability to his country. Certainly, he should not be regarded as a well-educated man, and, least of all should he be regarded as a desirable member of an organization which is supposed to attract or produce, good citizens and gentlemen.

The members of the executive council of Phi Kappa Psi are I prefer to think, less guilty of bigotry than of timidity in the face of old taboos. Nevertheless, the suspension of the Amherst chapter pollutes Phi Kappa Psi and every one of its members with the loathsome taint of Ku-Klux-Klan-ism.

The condemnation, "unfraternal conduct," applied to Massachusetts Alpha, is a grotesque perversion not only of the English language but of all the fine principles for which our fraternity, in common with many others, profess to stand. It should be expunged forthwith. That it will be eventually, I have no doubt, since it convicts not the Amherst chapter but the national membership. By cleansing the record now you can reclaim for Phi Kappa Psi the meritorious distinction of being the first great national college fraternity to extend the hand of fellowship to an outstanding member of the Negro race.

Amherst Fraternity Gets Bid From Group at NYU

Chicago Defender

Baltimore Afro-American

NEW YORK — The Amherst (Mass.) chapter of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, suspended by its national executive committee for "unfraternal conduct" in pledging a colored student, was invited last Thursday by Zeta Tau fraternity of NYU to become its affiliate.

Frederick D. Greene II, president of the Amherst group, received the invitation by letter from Glenn Golkin, vice chancellor of the NYU fraternity, who commended the former "on its planned initiation of Tom Gibbs," Amherst athlete and member of the student council.

Gibbs and 15 other sophomore pledgees are scheduled to be initiated into the Amherst chapter of Phi Kappa Psi on Nov. 23, but under a ritual different from that used by the national fraternity.

Zeta Tau's Invitation

The invitation from NYU's Zeta Tau said:

"We cannot help thinking that if any group is to be held responsible for unfraternal conduct, it must certainly be the national executive committee. . .

"After a full membership meeting at which the Phi Kappa Psi controversy was discussed, Zeta Tau, which is a local fraternity at NYU, chartered and legally recognized in 47 States, decided that we would be happy to accept your group as an affiliated chapter of Zeta Tau.

"Of course all future chapters of our fraternity would have complete autonomy of action."

Gorgas Used Influence

Meanwhile, Harry S. Gorgas, an investment banker of 76 Beaver St., and a former president of the national Phi Kappa Psi, said he was opposed to admitting a colored student into the fraternity.

Gorgas, a 1915 graduate of the University of Chicago, is one of the most influential members of the fraternity.

A New York member of the fraternity, who resigned a month ago because national officers "induced" the Amherst chapter at one point in the controversy to withdraw their pledge to Gibbs, related how Gorgas had told of taking a leading role in the maneuver.

Brags at Luncheon

At a luncheon of the uptown New York chapter, said the New York member, Gorgas related how he had "worked on" the Amherst group and "induced" them to see the situation in a "realistic light." The pledge was withdrawn but later restored and the Amherst chapter was suspended.

Youth Repledged By Fraternity

Associated Press WIREPHOTO

FIRST — Thomas W. Gibbs, of Evanston, Ill., sophomore at Amherst College, has been repledged by Phi Kappa Psi fraternity after once revoking an earlier pledge on orders of national fraternity officers, Fred Greene, local fraternity president, said. Gibbs was described the first Negro pledged by an Amhert fraternity in the college's 127-year history

Pledging of Negro Brings the Suspens. Of Chapter at Amherst by Phi Kappa

Special to THE

AMHERST, Mass., Nov. 12 — No- other sophomores would be initiated ten days hence under an im- ard L. Hamilton of Colum- provised ritual, not similar to Phi bus, Ohio, national president of Kappa Psi ceremonies. He added the fraternity, told the Amherst that the chapter probably would group that the vote of the ten-man continue as a local fraternity, al- executive committee was unani- though that question would be dis- mous for suspension on grounds of cussed at the next meeting, Tues- unfraternal conduct." day.

chapter president, Frederick Although the college maintained ene 2d of Upper Montclair, official silence, it was noted that said Mr. Gibbs and fifteen ing a Negro, members of the Am- herst College Alpha chapter of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity said tified today that they had been suspended indefinitely by the na- they would proceed with plans to initiate the student, Thomas W. Gibbs of Evanston, Ill., on Nov. 23. onal executive council for pledg-

th mherst trustees, two years ago, issued edict that all discriminatory language in the charters of fraternities here must be stricken out by February, 1950. It was generally conceded that the Phi Kappa Psi chapter would have the backing of authorities, because it had "gone along with the intent" of the trustees' edict.

Meanwhile, the Alumni Council opened its annual two-day meeting today, but did not discuss the fraternity issue. On the official agenda was a discussion of the new curriculum for all undergraduates. This involves cutting elective courses to a minimum for liberal arts and science programs.

The other twelve fraternities on the campus held their initiations of sophomores, who were pledged last year, following banquets tonight.

Fraternity Takes Democratic Stand

Colored Student to Enter Amherst Phi Kappa Psi

AMHERST, Mass. — Over the strenuous objections of the fraternity's national officers, the students of Amherst College will take a colored student into Phi Kappa Psi for the first time in the 127-year history of the college.

Center of the controversy is Thomas W. Gibbs, 19, of Evanston, Ill., a sophomore athlete and excellent scholar and one of the best-liked men at the college. He is a member of the important Student Council, and has a governing voice in student activities as the council must pass on every student activity.

Gibbs lives in a dormitory with two white students, Tom Pearlman of Providence, R. I., and Alan B Levy of Woodmere, N. Y. He has won numerals in cross-country and track and last year was a member of the Glee Club.

Gibbs was "rushed" as a prospective fraternity member last June. The Phi Kappa Psi selected him. Two other fraternities also wanted him. When the national officers learned that Gibbs had been accepted by Phi Kappa Psi, orders were sent to Frederick D. Green, 2d. of Montclair, N. J., president of the Amherst chapter, that Gibbs must be de-pledged at once.

Fight for Principle

After a meeting of the fraternity at Amherst, it was decided to go along with the orders of the national body, in fact to comply with every request in made up to the point of actually initiating Gibbs so that later charges could not be preferred against the local that it had disobeyed national orders on any count.

When it became clear that the national body would not change its mind, a letter was sent stating that Gibbs would be initiated. The 65 members are convinced that they will lose their charter but feel that the principle involved is worth it.

Dr. Charles Woolsey Cole, new Amherst president, has taken a dim view of national fraternities and has pointed out that only a small portion of the local chapter's dues remains with the chapter. The balance goes, as one officer explained "to some gladhander who shows up about once a year."

National officials said that they wanted to poll other chapters of Phi Kappa Psi throughout the United States before permitting popular athlete into membership.

College officials said the case was being "worked out" between the local fraternity and its national officers, including Howard L. Hamilton of Columbus, Ohio, president. The local chapter still intends to admit Gibbs even if the national poll shows the other chapters do not want colored admitted to membership.

Amherst itself has "bent over backward" to refrain from being racially discriminating. There are seven or eight colored students and many Jewish students. In fact, there are no college records which list the religous faith or race of any member of the student body. That information is never asked.

Town Liberal

The college is not alone in its war on racial discrimination. Only three days ago, the townspeople of Amherst picketed a liquor package store whose owner refused to serve colored at a club he owns.

Disbarred Frat to Get Alpha Bid

BOSTON—The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity will consider a recommendation to invite the disbarred Phi Kappa Psi chapter of Amherst College to become a member at its general convention to be held in Atlantic City during the Christmas holidays.

The recommendation was approved by delegates at the Eastern regional meeting held in Boston over the week end with Sigma chapter host.

The Amherst Phi Kappa Psi chapter was disbarred by the national fraternity recently because it accepted a colored member, Thomas W. Gibbs, 19, of Evanston, Ill., for the first time in the 127-year-old history of Amherst.

134 Delegates Attend

Louis Schuster, of Virginia State College, Eastern regional vice president, presided at the three-day sessions attended by 134 delegates.

Dr. Charles Wesley, president Wilberforce State University, spoke on "Today's Challenge to Freedom," at the public meeting held in historic Faneuil Hall, Faneuil Hall Square.

Other speakers were Belford Lawson, Alpha Phi Alpha national president; Elmer Henderson, director of the fraternity's human right program, and Raymond Pace Alexander, of Philadelphia.

TO BE HONORED HERE—The Omega chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority will honor their Supreme Basileus, Mrs. Edna Over Gray, who will be their guest speaker here Friday evening, when Founder's Day exercises will be held. The exercises will take place at 8 p. m. Friday and will be held in the Davage auditorium of Clark College. Mrs. Gray has distinguished herself in the leadership of the sorority and has been an able supporter of social and civic movements. She received her elementary training in Denver, Colorado and her undergraduate work at the University of Kansas. Her master's degree was earned at New York University. At present she heads the history department of Douglass high school, Baltimore, Md. Mrs. Gray is a dynamic personality and a forceful speaker. Both the program and reception committees are working untiringly to make Friday evening's program an enjoyable affair. 2-1-48

An invitation is extended to all friends and well-wishers to hear the speaker and to share the fellowship on this Founder's occasion.

AKA's Celebrate 40th Anniversary At Regional Meet

Daily World Atlanta, Ga.

PHILADELPHIA — (ANP) — One-hundred-fifty delegates of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority attended the 17th Annual North Atlanta Regional conference held in this city Saturday and Sunday. The organization also celebrated its 40th anniversary "Looking Inward to Strengthen AKA at the Three Levels, Chapter, Regional and Boule," was the theme of the conference. Sat. 3-6-48

Color was added to the delightful program by the group singing of the sorority song, "AKA Spirit." Participants on the porgram were: Selina Browne, Maybelle Waren, Doris Moore, Ordette Dunn, Julia Kenzer, Shirley Holey, and Jeanna B. Shields.

Tag YWCA Sat. 3-6-48

NEW YORK — (ANP) — Inez Wilson, former director of Wakenall of Washington, sailed for Monrovia, Liberia, Friday. Mrs. Wilson will be the first Negro woman to serve on the foreign division of the national board of the YWCA. The appointee will go by the route of Holland and Belgium on her way to the Liberian post. Daily World

Mrs. Wilson's appointment is a highly significant one in that the money for service in Monrovia was raised in an "Around the World Reconstruction drive" participated in by women of all nations.

YWCA; Miss Margaret Forsyth, executive secretary of the foreign board, formerly of Teachers college, Columbia university; Atty. Eunice Hunton Carter (in whose home Mrs. Wilson was guest), who recently returned from a trip abroad; Mrs. Louise (Polly) Cochrane, and Mrs. Ellen Mills Scarbrough of Liberia, who served as consultant and observer to the United Nations at Lake Success.

Charlotte Brown Awarded AKA Award Of Distinction

The Express Dallas, Texas Sat. 2-7-48

BOSTON — (ANP) — Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown was awarded "a pin of distinction" last week by the supreme basilus of the Alpha Kappa sorority, Edna Gray of Baltimore during founders day exercises of Psi Omega chapter in Boston.

Dr Brown who is president and founder of Palmer Memorial institute, was cited for the honor at the annual boule in Detroit last summer but did not receive it then because of illness.

She was inducted into the Psi Omega chapter of AKA 20 years ago while a graduate student of Wellesley college.

AKA Sorority Well Baby Clinic Makes Six-Weeks Report

Daily Worker New York, N. Y. Sat. 2-7-48

The Oklahoma City chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority released a six-week report on the activities of the Fairground Well-Baby Clinic which is located in Fairview Baptist church, Seventh and Rhode Island streets.

Mrs. Lola T. Alexander, president, in releasing the information stated this health project is only one phase of a health program sponsored by the sorority nationally. "To see the parent bring babies into the clinic for diagnosis and examination is a gratifying sight but it is even more encouraging to see some of the "behind-the-scene results," Mrs. Alexander explained. "Only recently a child was brought into the clinic suffering from a heart condition of which the mother was wholly unaware." "If this clinic has accomplished nothing more than to point up this one case, it has served well its purpose," stated the sorority president.

As the clinic closes its six-weeks of operation, 53 pre-school children are enrolled. This number has made 131 visits to the clinic in that period of time. Examinations and consultation by the clinic physician and nurse have been given in 62 cases while 69 children were immunized against typhoid fever. Sat. 2-7-48

In addition to the volunteer service rendered by the Negro Medical Society through Dr. J. A. Cox, Jr., who is at present serving as clinic physician, the City Health Department is supplying a nurse, Mrs. Janet Miles. Mrs. Tassie Robinson, chairman of the Urban league Women's Division, reports that approximately 100 hours of volunteer service have been given by members of the division and the sorority.

The sorority volunteers are: Mrs. C. W. Morgan, Mrs. Freddye Alexander-Wray, Mrs. Darline Perry-McLeod, and Mrs. Vertna Sneed-Jones.

Volunteers from the Urban league Women's Division are: Mrs. Tassie Robinson, Mrs. Naoma McCook, Mrs. Viola J. Grigsby, Mrs. Clovis Cogburn, Mrs. Opaline Waddins, Mrs. Ethel Potts, Mrs. Essie Bride, and Mrs. Lennie Harris.

Alpha Kappa Alphas Honor Women Who Have Achieved

Star Tribune Minneapolis, Minn. Sat. 2-21-48

WASHINGTON

Six women who have distinguished themselves during the past year were honored at a reception at Frazier Hall, Howard University as a feature of Founder's Week celebration of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, here, Sunday.

The honorees were Dr. Sadie St. Clair, Dr. Margaret J. Wormley, Dr. Merze Tate, Dr. Blanche Bourne, Miss Inabel B. Lindsay and Mrs. Anne Hedgeman.

Dr. St. Clair and Dr. Wormley have recently received doctor of philosophy degrees from New York University and Boston University, respectively. Dr. Tate is author of her second book, "The United States and Armaments." Dr. Bourne, M.D. has been appointed to the staff of Howard Medical School and Miss Lindsay is responsible for much of the work in connection with the certification of the Howard School of Social Work, of which she is director.

Mrs. Hedgeman has recently been elected to the honor roll of the Schomburg Collections of Negro Literature.

Students honored included the following who were recommended on the basis of academic work, extracurricular activities and service to school, and who have been listed for 1945-46-47 in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Shirley Smith and Eleanor Simmons, graduate school, Howard University; Doris Williams, Zaida Cole, Dottie Burpee, undergraduates, Howard University.

Hostesses Listed

Members of the committee assisting at the reception included Hilda Evans, Mary Francis, Marianna Sewell, Artie Bell, Doris Williams, Alice Brantley, Cecelia Marshall, Jacqueline Sutton.

Chapters participating included Xi Omega, Mrs. Muriel Alexander, basileus; Alpha, Miss Doris Williams, basileus; Beta Lambda, Miss Gwendolyn Sabbs, basileus.

Among those present were:

Mrs. Juanita Fletcher, Mrs. Jessie Thompkins, Mrs. C. Horace Fitchett, Dean and Mrs. George Johnson of Howard Law School; Miss Cynthia McClain, who sang for the group;

Mesdames Jessie Roy, Bobbie Scott, Vivian Turner, Sophia Fowler, Mattie Lee, Sojourner Jackson, Julia B. Wilson;

Mesdames Louise Boulware, Marion Torrence, Gladys Mehlinger, Ham Martin, Orra Spivey, Louise Pack, Bertha Collins;

Mesdames Mattie Lee, Majel Cooke, Blanche Holloman, Inez Just, Dr. and Mrs. W. Henry Greene.

Misses Ella Washington Griffin, Johnnie Walker, Mesdames Norma Bacchus, Florence Graves Laws, Marion V. Coombs, Geneva K. Valentine;

Cornelius Strickland, Joseph H. B. Evans, and Miss Marguerite Murrell.

NORMA BOYD AND ELEANOR ROOSEVELT DEDICATE LIVES TO INTERNAT. AFFAIRS

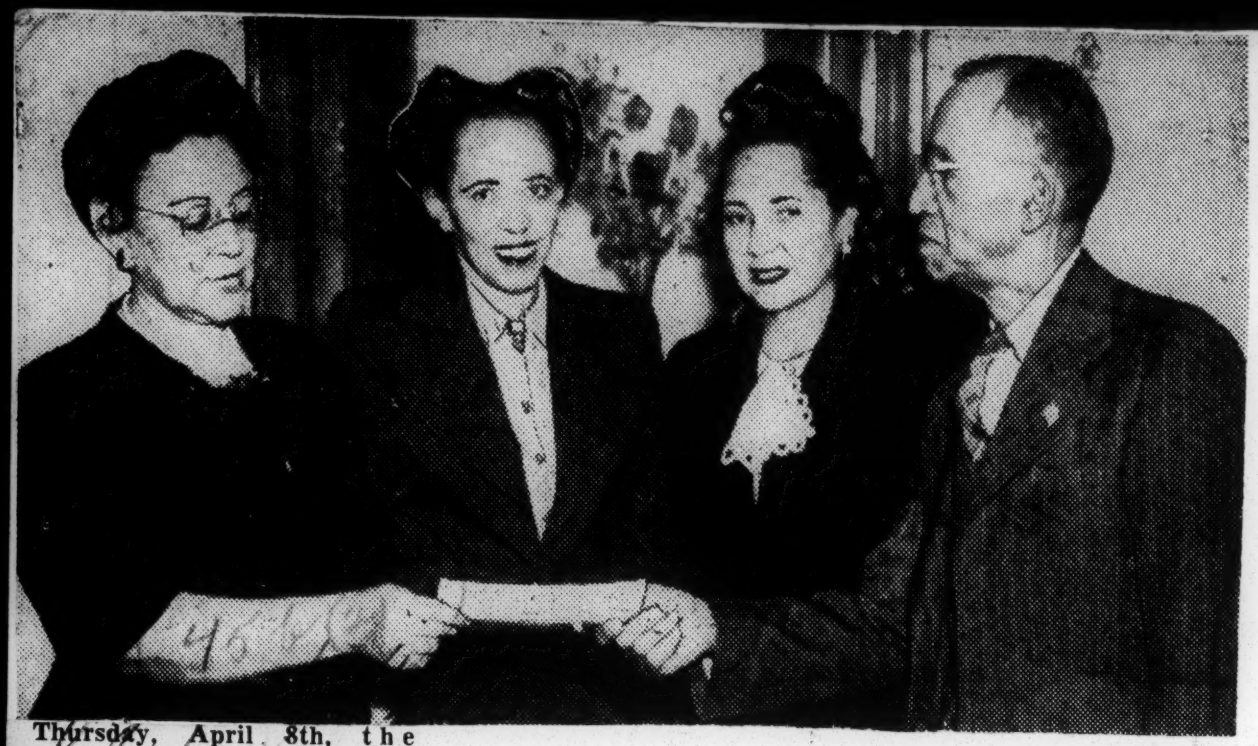
Seattle Washington Times Sat. 2-21-48

NEW YORK, — (ANP) — Two in 1908 on the campus of Howard Alpha sorority, which was founded retired school marms have declared university, and national chairman their loyalty to "One World" as a reality, and have indicated they will dedicate the rest of their lives to the International Affairs Program of America.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, who received a bronze plaque from the Jewish Philantropic league of Brooklyn for her work in child welfare, has announced that she will devote the rest of her life to the success of the UN and the continued improvement of international affairs.

Norma E. Boyd, one of the incorporators of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, which was founded on the campus of Howard University, and national chairman of the Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs for 10 years, is in accord with Mrs. Roosevelt. Miss Boyd has also come out with her declaration for a better and more workable international affairs program to which she had dedicated the full force of her energies.

The Sorority was accredited by the UN in September, 1946, and re-accredited again in March of 1948. The Non-Partisan Council participated in U. S. and Unesco since 1945.



Thursday, April 8th, the Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Newport News, Va., presented a $50 check to the Hampton Roads Boys Club, Inc. In the above picture, Mrs. Edna M. Taliaferro is making the presentation for the sorority to Prof. T. C. Erwin secretary of the Boys Club. Looking on left to right are other members of the sorority: Miss I. Talma Johnson, financial secretary, and Mrs. Marie H. Davis, treasurer.

Tuskegee Deltas Urged to Join Fight for National Democracy

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. —"The position of our country in the world today and the future will depend upon our contribution," stated Mrs. Ruth Clement Bond, Atlanta University, when she addressed a large audience at Institute Chapel Sunday night.

She pointed out that the impact of the recent reports by the Civil Rights Committee and the President's Commission on Higher Education will do much to make us realize that it is time to do something about our present national setup with reference to race prejudice, segregation, voting and restrictive covenants.

Mrs. Bond appeared as a guest speaker for the Zeta Sigma and Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in celebration of their Founder's Day.

Tell of Haitian's Struggle

Mrs. Bond, who spent some time in Haiti with her husband, J. Max Bond, who worked as a specialist in education there, told of the conditions confronting women in that country and their struggle to become independent voting citizens. She compared this struggle with that of the American women for suffrage which ended more than a score of years ago. "Poverty," she said, "is another condition which exists in Hiati. When I think of the very, very poor people in the West Indies who go from day to day not knowing what they are going to eat, I do not see how the situation could be worse in Europe."

The speaker outlined the good that good such organizations as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority could do to create wholesome activities and uplift the community in general. In keeping with this general trend of uplifting the community, the Deltas have launched a job opportunity project which, Mrs. Bond explained, works with the Urban League to promote job opportunties for Negroes.

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Civil Rights, Home For Women Get Deltas' Okay

By HOWARD B. WOODS
Defender Staff Correspondent

ST. LOUIS — Choosing Berkeley, California, as it convention site in 1950, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority closed its 20th national convention here Saturday afternoon giving endorsement to President Truman's civil rights proposals and spearheading the $100,000 building drive of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune.

Dr. Bethune mentioned her "dream" of the home for women of all races in Washington, D. C. at a luncheon held Tuesday under joint sponsorship of the sorority and the St. Louis Metropolitan Council of the National Council of Colored Women.

Soror Beatrice Penman of Kansas City presented the first $100 followed by a deluge of cash and pledges amounting to $3,400. Mrs. Juanita Slaughter Martin, local council president, presided at the luncheon and pledged $100 on behalf of the council.

Soror Reba Cann, Cincinnati, Ohio, was elected grand secretary. Other sorors elected were: Hortense Young, grand journalist; Constitution Board Clemmie Webber, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Almeda Marsh, Tulsa, Okla.; Nan Walton, St. Louis. Public Relations Board: Roberta McGuire Detroit; Judiciary Board: Duckie Williams, Baltimore, Md.; Jane Powell. Executive Committee Vivian Chamberlain, Baltimore, Md.; Barbara Stockton, Washington, D. C. Scholarship Board: Maude Watkins New York City.

Deltas Get $500 Towards Girls' Home

DETROIT (ANP) — A $500 gift from the Aaron Mendelson Memorial trust was given to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority recently for the reduction of the mortgage on the Delta Home for girls, according to Mrs. Herbert L. Dudley, president of the home, here last week. Delta home, a Red Feather service of the Community chest, is a residence for girls 14-17 years of age who are in need of living quarters while away from home.

The gift was transmitted to the sorority by Fred M. Butzel, trustee of the memorial fund, just prior to his recent death.

Deltas Sponor Sale of Heroes

Phi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority is cooperating with sister chapters throughout the United States in introducing to the community the second issue of Negro Heroes True Comic Magazine, depicting the various careers of Negro men and women in America who have made good.

This is a part of the National Job Opportunity project of the Delta sorority and has been made possible through the invitation of the National Urban League whose platform is to promote job opportunities for Negro and better race relations among people.

Although Negro Heroes Day was celebrated officially May 23, Delta chapters are promoting the sale of these magazines throughout the summer months.

The purpose of this magazine is to keep faith in our Negro Youth and to inspire them through the picture stories to find ways of preparing themselves for better job opportunities as well as to acquaint other races with Negro achievement.

A few copies of the present issue of Negro Heroes will be presented by Phi Chapter to several of the welfare agencies in the community which serve Negro and white youth.

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During the national convention of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority recently held in San Antonio, Tex., Zeta Sigma, the Tuskegee graduate chapter, received the 1947 award for being the most outstanding chapter in the sorority.

Among the noteworthy activities mentioned in the presentation of the award were. (1) the raising of over $4,000 for the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation in 1947; (2) the beginning of an effort to have all local Deltas to help raise the status of Negroes in the South and especially in the community; (3) sponsoring of a regional contest at Tuskegee Institute High School, in which Miss Florence Mundy of Tuskegee received first place—a $500 scholarship; (4) contribution of $200 to local teen-age center: (5) contribution of $50 to the American Red Cross; (6) campaign for 100 per cent membership in the NAACP, and (7) in promoting rural betterment, conducted open air thrift shops (glorified rummage sales) for people in nearby areas.

Mrs. Ruth Booker Ballard, occupational therapist at the Infantile Paralysis Center, John A. Andrew Hospital, Tuskegee Institute, is president of the Zeta Sigma Chapter, and Mrs. Lula Clayton Cox, teacher at the Chambliss Children's House of Tuskegee Institute, is vice president and was chairman of the program presented in Institute Chapel.

20th Convention Closes With Action Program

ST. LOUIS, Mo. The twentieth national convention of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is its closing session at the Kiel Municipal Auditorium adopted an action program pledging its membership of 11,000 women in 183 chapters to year-round effort in the struggle for human rights.

The emphasis of the biennial program is taken from the theme of the convention, "Human Rights, Our Challenge"—Our Responsibility. This convention coincided with the 40th anniversary of the founding of the American Council on Human Rights and went on record to work for the elimination of segregation in national and international life.

Many outstanding speakers in the field of race relations and in-

ternational affairs stimulated the delegates to action, notably, Shiv Shastri of the East-West Association; Lester B. Granger, executive secretary of the National Urban League; Dr. Homer P. Rainey, president of Stephens College; Mrs. Sadie T. M. Alexander, prominent Philadelphia lawyer and member of the President's Committee on Civil Rights; Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the National Council of Negro Women. Miss Muriel B. Smith, star of "Carmen Jones," was the guest artist on the program held in the Opera House.

The unscheduled appearance of Frankie (Sugar Chile) Robinson proved thrilling to his audience of children and adults in the Opera House last Wednesday afternoon. "Sugar Chile" was the luncheon guest at the Sorority's Salute to Negro Heroes, the National Urban League—Delta Sigma Theta booklet presenting true stories of outstanding Negroes.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

The convention re-elected for another two-year term, its grand secretary, Mrs. Reba S. Cann, Cincinnati, Ohio. The roster of other officers elected includes Mrs. Hortense Young, Louisville, Ky., grand journalist; Miss Vivian Chamberlain, Baltimore, Md., the convention director, and Miss Barbara Stockton, Washington, D. C., member-at-large of the Executive Board; Miss Clemmie P. Weber, Orangeburg, S. C.; Mrs. Alma V. Marsh, Tulsa, Okla., and Miss Nan E. Walton, St. Louis, Mo.; Constitution Board; Miss Roberta McGuire, Detroit, Mich., national publicity director, member Public Relations Board; Miss Maude L. Watkins, New York City, member Scholarship Board.

The annual artists' recital held Wednesday evening at the Pleasant Green Baptist Church was enthusiastically received by a capacity audience. Miss Carol Blanton, pianist of Baltimore, Md., and Miss Helen Phillips and Miss Anita Kirtley, sopranoes of St. Louis, were the artists of the evening.

Awards for outstanding work in their respective communities were presented to Gamma Gamma Chapter, Little Rock, Ark.; Omicron Sigma Chapter, Tulsa, Okla., and Zeta Sigma Chapter, Tuskegee, Ala. The regional award went to the Central Region of which Mrs. Theresia B. Moore is director. The Eastern Region, Mrs. Muriel Johnson, director, won honorable mention.

MANY SOCIAL AFFAIRS

The social affairs opend with a tour of the city which led to a picnic at the home of Miss Nan E. Walton on Monday afternoon. A cabaret party was given at the Club Riviera, courtesy Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, on Tuesday evening. The Delta Sigma Theta Ball, held in the Convention Hall, was sponsored by the hostess chapters. Omega Phi Psi Fraternity entertained at a formal dance at the Club Plantation on Thursday.

The lovely garden at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Watts was the center of entertainment by the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority on Friday afternoon.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority offered the delegates an opportunity to relax while attending their party of the famous St. Louis Municipal Opera on Saturday evening. Later that night they were honored at a moonlight picnic at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman H. Dreer, at which Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternities were hosts.

Job Opportunities Project Initiated In City Schools

"Job Opportunities", a National Project, sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the National Urban League, was initiated in Atlanta recently through the cooperation of two colleges and the Booker T. Washington high school.

As a follow-up of the Vocational Opportunity Campaign programs sponsored by both organizations in March, Career Clinics and a Lecture Series of Vocational Choices were outlined for students.

During the week of April 26, three assembly periods were given over to the project at Morris Brown college.

On Monday, April 26, with Mrs. Mattie B. Greenwood, president Iota Sigma Chapter, presiding, the program was carried out as follows: After devotions and a prelude, which was played by Miss Grace Boggs of the Morris Brown Music Department, Mr. George L. Edwards, National Urban League representative, presented the Cooperative Project of Job Opportunities and Vocational Guidance between the National Urban League and Delta Sigma Theta. Following Mr. Edwards' presentation was question and answer period. The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's National Hymn was sung, closing the program.

PRESENTATION

Mrs. Irene Wilson presided over the program on Thursday. April 29th. At this time came a presentation on "Bookkeeping in Small Businesses" by Kenneth D. Days of the David T. Howard high school. After a musical selection, Dr. Virginia Lacy Jones, Atlanta University Library School, offered to the student body a lecture on "Opportunities in Library Service, followed by a question and answer period.

On Friday morning, April 30, Miss Helene E. Biggers, chairman, Delta's Local Job Opportunities Committee, directed the program. Dr. W. A. Mason, Veterans' hospital, Tuskegee, Alabama, talked on "Careers in Public Health". Following this, students participated in a question and answer period.

Tuesday, May 4, the program was initiated at Clark college Careers were discussed at the College's Assembly hour to the entire student body.

Miss Isobel J. Chisholm, director, Promotion and Publicity, Southern Field Divison, National Urban League, presided over the program. Miss Chisholm presented to the student body Charles W. Greene, Assistant Agency Director, Atlanta Life Insurance Company, who spoke on "A Career in Life Insurance"; Dr. Juanita Pierce, Department of Education, Atlanta University, speaking on "Careers In the Field of Health Education; and Dr. Virginia Lacy Jones, Director, School of Library Service, Atlanta University, offering a lecture on "Library Service As A Career." At the close of the question and answer period, a 50 minute period was given to group conferences with members of the student body, so desiring.

The Senior Class at Booker T. Washington High school met together on Wednesday, May 5th, in the Student Activity Building for a "Career Clinic." Miss I. J. Chisholm, presided over the Clinic and speakers for the occasion were: Nelson Archer, Veterans Guidance Center, who spoke on "The Importance of Guidance and Counseling; Joel Smith, Georgia State Employment Service, presented "Handicaps of Youthful Job Seekers," and Principal Bohanan, of Carver Vocational School, gave a lecture on "Vocational Choices."

WORKSHOP PHASE

Immediately following the general presentations, the Career Clinic moved into a Workshop phase. The workshops presented a wealth of information relative to: Beauty Culture by Mrs. Ella R. Martin; Nursing by Mrs. Eula Bennings; Health Education by Miss Dorothy Ury; Business Adminstration by Mr. J. B. Blayton; and Library Science by Dr. Virginia Lacy Jones. A lively discussion followed with student participation.

Miss Helene Biggers serves as Chairman of the local committee on Job Opportunities of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in Atlanta. Consultant for the National Job Opportunities Project is Mr. G. L. Edwards, Assistant Southern Field Director, National Urban League. Miss Isobel J. Chisholm, Director, Promotion and Publicity, Southern Field Division, National Urban League, serves as Publicity Chairman for the local project and is a member of the project Advisory Committee.

Delta Sigma Theta Chapters sponsoring the Atlanta program are: Iota Sigma Chapter (Graduate), Mrs. Mattie Greenwood, President; Sigma Chapter (Clark College), Miss Arminta Parks, President; Gamma Zeta Chapter (Morris Brown College), Miss Willie Taylor, President.

In the Fall, another phase of the project will be presented at both Morris Brown and Clark Colleges in the area of individual Testing and Counseling by experts in the field of Vocational Guidance.

Deltas Show They Believe In Democracy

Memphis World
Memphis, Tenn.

BROOKLYN —(NNPA)— The New York members of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Monday, June 28, proved that they truly practice the non-discrimination they believe in.

As they do every year, the sorority group awarded cash scholarships to two girl high school graduates— and one went to a white girl from Brooklyn, Alice Olpin, A Manual Training High School graduate.

The other winner is Minna Key, Jamaica, a colored senior at the High School of Music and Art.

Last December, Delta Sigma voted to open its membership to any woman meeting the requirements without respect to race, creed or religion. Its New York chapter, Alpha Sigma, naturally followed suit. The organization was founded in 1913 at Howard University to promote finer womanhood through the promotion of high educational and cultural standards and civic activities.

Its program includes fostering education, aiding employment, participating in problems of child welfare, housing and race relations.

The scholarships are awarded to applicants among the highest ranking senior girl students in the city high schools on the basis of scholarship, personality, need and school civic and church activities. Color obviously didn't enter into it.

Miss Olpin plans to study paleontology at Brooklyn College and Miss Key intends to continue her art studies at Queens College.

Dorothy Height New Delta Head

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.

By OZEIL TRYER WOOLCOCK

SAN ANTONIO, Texas—(SNS)—Elected to the grand presidency of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was Dorothy I. Height, New York City. Miss Height is secretary of interracial education of the National Board of YWCA; a delegate to the World conference held in Oxford, England in 1937 and a delegate to the AME conference held in Amsterdam, Holland in 1939. She holds a masters degree from New York University and was co-chairman of the forum Toward Securing These Rights sponsored at Town Hall in New York City by Delta Sigma Theta sorority and Omega Phi Psi fraternity.

Others selected were Vice-President Ora Lee Mitchell, New Orleans, La.; Secretary Reba Cann, Cincinnati, Ohio; Treasurer Beatrice Penman, Kansas; J. Dorothy Lymas, Philadelphia, Pa.; Historian Myra Bemings, Delta founder, San Antonio, Texas; Under-graduate Coordinator Dottie McKinney, Chicago, Illinois; Pan-Hellanic Representative Mae Wright Downs, past grand president, Baltimore, Maryland; Constitution board, Grace Woodson; Budget: Minera Johnson, Nashville, Tennessee; Standards, Naomi Newman, Washington, D. C.; Judiciary: Ethel Fannell, Wilberforce, Ohio and Public Relations: Addye D. Jones Memphis, Tenn.

Deltas were presented in a broadcast on radio station KNAC.

JOB PROJECT

At the 19th Annual Convention of Delta Sigma Theta sorority held in San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 27-31 the Job Opportunities project was adopted as one of the sorority's national projects; one that would be directed in a nation-wide effort to secure job opportunities for members of minority groups and Negroes in particular, to focus interest on a vital problem in our country.

George L. Edwards of Atlanta, Georgia, served as consultant and vocational guidance counsellor at the convention.

Mr. Edwards, who is assistant field director of the National Urban League, elaborated upon the work of the office of vocational guidance of the National Urban League and its concern in expanding job opportunities for Negroes. He showed how the Delta project could tie-in its interest in a cooperative manner with the office.

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.

A telegram received from Lester B. Granger stated that, "The whole forces of the Urban League would back the project."

For several months Delta's Job Opportunities chairman, Dorothy I. Height, of New York, and other members of the committee have been working with members of the staff of the Urban League in the hope of discovering ways by which the two organizations might work together.

During the past year chapters of Delta Sigma Theta sorority have taken hold of the projects with varying degrees of success through forums, conferences, career clinics, vocational teas, training projects for young workers, household workers institutes child care centers for working mothers, public meetings on the question of employment and placement services for department store employees and a wide variety of other activities.

KNOWLEDGE LIMITED

Recent studies of Negro students show that despite their abilities, few of them know about fields of work and unusual opportunities so that taking advantage of such is beyond their imagination.

Undergraduates have been articulate in presenting their need for guidance.

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.

For more than a year the committee has given its major consideration to the evaluation of what has been done and where they may go from here.

In order that an intensive job may be done as adquately as possible the agreement is that two demonstration centers be used. One is to be in a community with a pattern of legal segregation. Atlanta, Georgia has been agreed upon in this case. The second community without legal segregation — Detroit has been chosen. Cleveland or Pittsburgh is considered because of both the resources available to the league and to the sorority.

On May 24, 1947 members of the committee with the grand president, now past president, Atty Elsie Austin a representative of the national public affairs committee and other members of Delta who could be useful in gathering resourceful data, met for a day with T. Arnold Hill, who had offered to work with them in the development of the project. At that time plans were projected for cooperative work at the college level. A tentative budget was proposed and individual members of the committee began to prepare materials to be used by chapters. At this time Mr. Hill died.

Presently, major responsibilities will be carried for the respective organizations by the staff members and the project members.

At whatever moment seems strategic, the work and plan of the two demonstration centers will be publicized and the director of vocational guidance will seek to have the project represented at the forthcoming meeting of the National Conference on Vocational Guidance.

Delta Sigma Theta National President

Miss Dorothy I. Height, national president, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, who this week announced that the group will hold its 20th annual convention in St. Louis, Aug. 24-28.

Daily World

20th Annual Convention Of Delta Sigma Theta In St. Louis, Aug. 24-28

Courier Indianapolis Ind.
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NEW YORK—The twentieth annual convention of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will meet in St. Louis from Aug. 24 to 28, Miss Dorothy I. Height, national president, has announced in behalf of the National Board. The 1947 sessions were held in San Antonio last December but the sorors decided they would prefer a summer meeting. The St. Louis affair will be their second convention in eight months.

HOST CHAPTERS

Lambda Sigma, whose president is Mrs. Grace Wilson, and Alpha a joint local planning committee Omega, presided over by Mrs. whose co-chairman are Mrs. Anna Glynee Eustace, are the graduate Brooks of Lambda and Mrs. Golda and undergraduate chapters, re- Crutcher of Alpha. Business and spectively, which are hostesses to Auditorium. the convention.

Geared to a theme which is in the minds of the entire world, their sponsibility of Mrs. Theresa B. Moore of Langston, Okla., is director of the Central Region in which the convention is being held. Preparations for the event are being handled by

and Our Responsibility." Delta will an educational film dealing with bring before its delegates the work of the Cleveland chapseek to bring chapters distinguished ters, hold demonstrations and work- from 183 chshops, and finally map a program leaders in both domestic and world affairs to discuss the subject. In addition, a rich program of social activities is being planned by members of the local Pan-Hellenic Council.

PROGRAM

Early arrivals will be given an opportunity to tour the city on Monday, Aug. 23. Miss Height said. A luncheon honoring the national officers and the press will be held the same day at the Homer B. Philips Nurses' Home. Formal opening of the convention takes place on Tuesday morning. In the evening the public is invited to a forum in which the convention theme will be projected.

In the course of the week, delegates will hear reports from the regional directors, including the six gates will hear reports from the national officers, discuss the regional directors of college women to sponsibility of communities and nation, view their communities

Dorothy I. Height Is Named Grand President In San Antonio Meet

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—Delta Sigma Theta sorors, meeting in the nineteenth annual convention in this city, voted and had money appropriated toward the setting up of two experimental centers in vocational guidance, in cooperation with the Urban League in Detroit and Atlanta, Ga.

The sorors who came from nearly every State in the union and numbered over 300 delegates alone, also established a public relations board with Soror Addie Jones of Memphis, Tenn., as national chairman. All major programs will be under the supervision of this board.

JOIN OTHER GREEKS

The third major development in the national convention was that concerning the Deltas' decision to take part in the non-partisan committee's work begun several years ago by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Already the Alpha Phi Alphas have given their word, while both Omegas and Phi Beta Kappas were to decide this Christmas during their conventions.

Grand President Mae Wright Downs conducted the sessions, and then, refusing to run for another term of office, bowed out gracefully, while the sorors voted Miss Dorothy I. Height, noted YWCA leader and executive, into the national office.

Miss Height has made an enviable record in the national YWCA work, and has been in the South for several months conducting various affairs for the national group. Head of the job opportunity project of Delta, she will bring to the grand presidency several years of varied experience in the field of social work and public relations.

OTHER ELECTIONS

Soror Ora Lee Mitchell of New Orleans, La., was named national vice president. Mrs. Mitchell, wife of the YMCA head in the Creole City, has consistently worked diligently in the sorority there, and was largely responsible for the huge success of the annual Jabberwock which caters to the amusement of thousands of patrons.

Soror Reber S. Cann of Cincinnati, Ohio, one of the sorority's staunch workers and dynamic women, continues in her role as secretary, one of the most important posts in the setup. Soror Beatrice Penman continues in her role as treasurer, while Soror Myra Hemmings of San Antonio becomes the historian. Soror Dorothy Lymas, whose past work as journalist has been excellent, was put back into that spot by election.

MEMBERS

During the convention, which brought sorors by train and plane to the historic garden city of San Antonio, it was brought out that there are now 170 chapters with 10,554 members scattered throughout the country.

Greeting the group as Southwest regional director was Chrystine S. Shackles of Austin, Tex.

Social courtesies for the visitors included sightseeing tours, a cabaret dance, a Delta formal, open house by Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority; an AKA dawn dance; Zeta Phi Beta Mexican dinner party, and many small affairs given by various hostesses.

IN RECITAL

Presented in recital were Sorors Louise Burge, singer, and Jessie Covington Dent, pianist. The delightful voice of Soror Burge showed the careful training and natural beauty of a true artist.

Soror Dent of New Orleans, who until motherhood usurped her time, was a noted concert figure, showed that her interlude from the piano had not dimmed her brilliance.

Also in attendance were Sorors Minerva Johnson of Nashville, former historian; undergraduate coordinator Gloria H. Glover of Gary, Ind., and Soror Ethel Ramos Harris, a Pan-Hellenic representative of New Kensington, Pa.

The convention theme, "Toward Securing These Rights" was ably brought out during the sessions by Soror Mae Wright Downs.

Deltas Launch Job Opportunities Project

Atlanta, Ga.

In connection with the National program of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Delta chapter of Atlanta-Iota Sigma (grad); Gamma Zeta, Morris Brown college and Sigma chapter of Clark College are launching their Job Opportunities Project starting Monday, April 26 at Morris Brown College with George Edwards, of the National Urban League, who is collaborating with Delta on the project as speaker.

Mr. Edwards will introduce the aims of the project to the student body.

Dr. Virginia Lacey Jones will speak Thursday, April 29 on Opportunities in Library Service, to be followed by Kenneth Days who will discuss Bookkeeping for small businesses.

One of the addresses on Friday will be made by Dr. W. A. Mason on Opportunities in Public Health.

The project will be presented to Washington High School students on May 5.

Atlanta and Detroit were the two cities selected by the National body of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority at the grand convention in San Antonio for experiment in Job Opportunities.

Raleigh, N. C. Deltas Plan To Buy Sorority House

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Last week the Alpha Zeta Sigma Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority became incorporated. This is the initial step in the Raleigh chapter's plan to purchase a sorority house. A sorority house fund had already been established.

This large project is only one of the many plans proposed for the current year by the dynamic Deltas of Alpha Zeta Sigma. So far this year, the chapter has sponsored two card parties at the YWCA, and a dance for teen-agers following the homecoming Washington High School football game.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED

Among the other activities planned for the year are: to send as delegate to the national convention in San Antonio, Tex., Miss Margaret Bugg; to continue the library project at the State School for the Blind; to send toys at Christmas to St. Agnes Hospital; to arrange for the annual banquet in celebration of the national birthday, the jabberwock, and May Week activities, which include an invitational dance, vesper hour at Shaw University, and the May Week breakfast.

The Raleigh Deltas are making this an eventful and profitable year.

Officers of the present year include Rosalie B. Hill, president; Mable Wortham, vice president; Hazel Clark, corresponding secretary; Mable Gray, recording secretary; Mary Culler, treasurer; Margaret Bugg, parliamentarian; Elizabeth Cofield, sergeant-at-arms; Christine Toole, dean of pledgees, and Patricia Stewart, journalist.

PRESENTING SCHOLARSHIP — New York Delta Sigma Theta sorors presented two scholarships last week, one to a white girl, one to a colored, both of whom were highest ranking students. Pictured at the ceremony are, seated, Soror Muriel Rahn, Key, winners of the scholarships, and Miss Selma Burke, outstanding sculptor. Standing, scholarship committee. Sorors Gladys Smellie, Josephine Johnson, Maude Watkins, Eva Wade and Theresa Jackson.

Southern Regional Conference Of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Holds Meeting At Tuskegee Institute

By W. O. FARMER

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — The Southern Regional Conference of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, with Mrs. C. Cleopatra Crutcher, as Southern Regional Directress, met here recently as guest of Lambda Chapter. The three-day business sessions were held in the beautiful Peabody Room of Dorothy Hall. The theme of the conference was "Challenging a bigger and better future to cope with the advancements of the present time".

A public program opened the conference, at which Atty. Z. Alexander Looby, Nashville, Tenn., was the principal speaker, Miss Elisabeth Ray, president of the local chapter, presided. Mrs. Alice P. Allen, national president, gave a brief history of the sorority and the speaker was introduced by Dr. W. S. Quinland of Tuskegee. Atty. Looby spoke on "Civil Rights", bringing a well-planned, informative message to a large appreciative audience in the Institute Chapel.

Greetings were received from other sororities and fraternities, and from Mrs. Lola M. Parker, Chicago, founder-president emerius.

In her address to the conference, Mrs. Cruther, the Regional Directress, challenged the region and the sorority to begin today to look ahead for future training that will be evaluated in terms of its practical and immediate value to the Negro in its struggle toward achieving, not only full political and industrial status but more particularly business adequacy within the American economic system.

Mr. A. L. Holsey, director of Public Relations of Tuskegee Institute, spoke to the body, of the growth of Negro women in business since 1900 when only one Negro woman was employed as a saleslady for a white concern. He also stressed the necessity of knowing how to meet people and the importance of the first contact with them.

Regional officers elected for the ensuing year were Mrs. Mary Bayote, Knoxville, Tenn., assistant regional director; Mrs. Ernestine Cathcart, Winston-Salem, N. C.; treasurer; Mrs. Margaret Moore, Montgomery, Ala., corresponding secretary; Mrs. Wadelle O. Farner, Atlanta, Ga., recording secretary; Mrs. Julia M. Brown, Jacksonville, Fla., journalist.

In its closing session, the conference adopted resolutions which decried the existence of civil injustices, particularly in the southern states. Commendation of the proposals of the President's Civil Rights Committee, objections to the Regional Schools and University measures, sponsored at the Southern Governors' conference, a united stand stand against UMT and continued segregation in the Armed Forces and greater participation in political action, phases of the various community programs, were all included in the recommendations proposed and accepted unanimously by the conference.

Spearheaded by a vote to send a telegram from the conference to President Truman for his publicly voiced approval of the report of the Civil Rights Committee, the women gathered from the states of Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, recognized and emphasized the need for leaders to unselfishly devote their labors and hours to the education and cooperation of the population as a whole, in eliminating terrorism, unequal educational and recreational facilities, and other forms of civil injustice.

TO PRESIDE AT REGIONAL—Mrs. C. Cleopatra Crutcher, of Lambda Chapter, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., who succeeded Mrs. Mabel Gatewood as Southern Regional Directress, will preside at the Southern Regional Conference of the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority to be held in Tuskegee, April 22-25, with Lambda Chapter as hostess.

This conference will cover chapters from Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina. Registration will begin Thursday, April 22, prior to a public meeting at 8 P. M. in the Institute Chapel, when Attorney Z. Alexander Looby of Nashville will speak on "Civil Rights."

Reservations are being made in Dorothy Hall by Miss Evadni Fears, Box 371, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., and names of delegates and visitors should be sent immediately to her. Business sessions will be held in the Peabody Room of Dorothy Hall at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M., Friday and 9 A. M. Saturday; worship at Institute Chapel Sunday morning. The hostess chapter is planning several social events to set off the meeting.

National officers expected to attend this meeting will include Mrs. Alice P. Allen, national president, Mrs. Annie B. King, treasurer, both of Birmingham, Ala., Mrs. Mabel Gatewood, second vice president and Mrs. Sarah A. Lewis, recording secretary, both of Atlanta.

The theme of the convention will be "Challenging a bigger and better future to cope with the advancements of the present times."

Iota Phi Lamda Deals In Economics At Meet

NEW YORK—The 11th annual national convention of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority which met here last week distinguished itself from most conventions by a serious attention to the economic problems of Negroes and especially working women.

An organization of business and professional women, the Sorority pledged $500 to the National Committee for FEPC; distributed $1,500 in scholarships to six winners; and heard the results of its own copyrighted survey on the "White Collar Occupations of Negro Women."

The survey was prepared in the period from March 1947 to the present under the direction of Mrs. Jeanne Simmons Scott, Iota's newly reelected first vice president, of Pittsburgh. Nine thousand, nine hundred women in thirteen Northern cities and 18 Southern cities were polled entirely by personal interview.

Over 72% of the women polled in the North were clerk typist (including general typists and receptionists), while an even larger number in the South, 36.8% were in the same classification. The next closest classification in numbers both North and South were stenographers. Teaching in grade, high school and college; and shop owning were the next two largest groups but markedly less than the clerical group, as neither accounted for more than 13% of the total.

Almost the same percentage of those polled worked with whites—33% in the North, 39% in the South—however, there the correlation ended as the Northern whites and Negroes worked together; while the Southerners were strictly segregated although on the same types of jobs. An almost equal number in the North and South were college graduates. —18% and 17% respectively.

Over 135 delegates came from all sections of the country and elected the following slate of officers: Alice P. Allen, president; Jeanne Scott, first vice-president; Louise Bell, Chicago, treasurer; Marion Elliott, Washington, second vice-president; H. Corrine Lowery, Denver, Dean of Pledges; Sarah A. Lewis, Atlanta, Ga., recording secretary.

Also Beulah J. Murphy, Eastern Regional Director; Thelma Free-Miller, Chicago, Western Regionman, Denver, Far Western; Fuschia al; L. E. Coleman Lockhart, Dallas, Southwest; Cleo Crutcher, Tuskegee, Ala., Southern; Alma Johnson, Lansing, Mich., Northern; and Edna M. Kinney, Newark, journalist.

Mrs. Allen the reelected national president, told the Defender that Iota Phi Lambda was making plans to have its 20th Anniversary in Los Angeles in 1949. Mrs. Allen who is the director of the Division of Business Administration at Miles College, also told the Defender that the far western sorors were asking constitutional changes to allow their chapters to admit white co-workers to membership in the sorority. Later it was learned the convention deleted the word "Negro" from its list of requirements, and welcomed all qualified women.

Mrs. Scott, director of the sorority's careful suvey of women workers, also told this paper, "We feel the Negro's salvation is in economics and in his ability to get jobs, especially in the financial world." Mrs. Scott is the Employer Relations Representative of the Penn-State Dept. of Labor.

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Lambda Kappa Mu

Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority (business and professional women) named Washington's Margaret E. Hawthrone, attorney, to the post of grand basileus at their annual conclave in Brooklyn, N.Y., last week.

She succeeds Florence E. Gibbs. Other officers named were:

Grace E. Malone of New York, first anti-basileus; Edna Jones of Washington, second anti-basileus: Margaret Patterson, recording grammateus; Lorraine McCood, corresponding grammateus; Verna Johnson of Brooklyn, tamiouchus; Louise Gibbs, keeper of the seal; Mabel Robinson of Newark, syntaktes; Dorothy Herbert, assistant syntaktes; Edith Dodson of Brooklyn, epistoleus; Eleanor Rodgers of Washington, parliamentarian; and Marion West of New York, regional director. Baltimore, Md.

Eunice Hunton Carter, attorney, presided at the opening session on Friday night, when speakers included Mrs. Ruth Handy of the New York City board of education, the Hon. Maude E. TenEyck of the New York State Assembly, Mrs. Julia B. Yates of the NAACP and Miss Hilda Yen of the United Nations. Jet. 2-24-48

Each brought a phrase of the conference theme, "New Vistas for Women of Tomorrow."

Social affair was a soiree at the Bristol Hotel in New York City on Saturday, and on Sunday the group worshipped at St. Phillips Church, Brooklyn.

ington, George Smiths; Martha Thompson, the Wesly McNeils, Otho Pinkets, Ralph Shipleys, Eddie Nottinghams, Raymond Youngs and Bill Gibsons. Sat.

The Hobbyist included Martha Thompson, Charlotte McNeil, Annie May Pinkett, Thelma Shipley, Sallie Fletcher, Mary Richardson, Loretta Nottingham, Dorothy Gibson and Eugenia Young. 2-24-48

Phi Delta Kappa

Aids Polio Unit

Afro-American

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. —The Upsilon Chapter of the Phi Delta Kappa Sorority presented a typewriter to the Infantile Paralysis Unit of the John A. Andrew Memorial Hospital at Tuskegee Institute. Baltimore Md.

The typewriter, a gift from the national organization and the local chapter, was given to the occupational therapy department which is under the supervision of Mrs. Lonis C. Ballard. It will be used as a means of muscle reeducation and as a part of the evocational training of patients.

The presentation was made by Mrs. Laura C. Buck, basileus of the Upsilon Chapter. The Upsilon Chapter will also direct the March of Dimes fund drive this season. Dr. John W. Chenault, director of orthopedic surgery, said in accepting the gift in behalf of the hospital, "along with medical attention given patients here, there is an increasing amount of interest being placed upon rehabilitaion of patients so that they may be able to contribute to their support upon returning home." 1-3-48 Sat.

Members of Phi Delta Kappa present were Mesdames Letitia E. Carter, Elizabeth D. Flake, Margaret R. Welch, Cleopatra S. Morse, Odette C. Baker, Freddie C. Simpson, Carrie Simms, Willie Wade, Nellie C. Reid, Lolla Mae Patterson, Rowena H. Bracken, Emma L. Roberts and Miss Mattie Johnson. 1-3-48 Sat.

Dr. Bethune, Principal Speaker

The World
Memphis, Tenn
By CONRAD CLARK
Jan. 1-8-48

WILMINGTON, Del. — (ANP)— More than 200 delegates attended the 24th annual conclave of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa here at the Walnut Street YMCA Saturday to Tuesday.

On Friday evening the executive meeting was held, and following registration of delegates on Saturday morning, the first business session began at 9:45.

In the afternoon another session was held, and other business sessions were held on the following days, both in the mornings and in the afternoons.

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VARIED SOCIAL SCHEDULE

The schedule of the social session were a Yule snack, for the executive body by Miss Ann Brown, diocesan social worker and director of "The Center;" Saturday evening, a cocktail party at the Republican club, sponsored by the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, followed by a formal dance at the armory; Sunday, a sightseeing trip at Longwood gardens, a coffee hour at the Walnut Street YMCA, sponsored by the College Women's club; Monday a formal closed banquet at the Walnut Street YMCA followed by a formal dance, sponsored by the local Pan Hellenic council which consists of the AKAs, Sigmas, Alphas and Kappas.

On Sunday evening a public session was held at Bethel A. M E Church and listed speakers included Joseph Wilson, mayor of Wilmington; Dr. Ward I. Miller, superintendent of Wilmington public schools; Mrs. Olivia Henry, supreme basileus of the sorority who introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the National Negro Council of Women, whose subject was "Cooperative Living."

Principal speaker at the closed banquet was Florence Steele Hunt and a past supreme basileus pin was presented to Gertrude Robinson of New York City by the Supreme Basileus, Olivia Henry.

World, Atlanta, Ga
Sun 1-25-48

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SORORITY MAKES GIFT TO IN FANTILE PARALYSIS UNIT — The Upsilon chapter of Phi Delta Kappa sorority recently presented a new Royal typewriter to the infantile paralysis unit of the John A. Andrew Memorial hospital at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, as a gift from the national sorority and the local chapter. The typewriter was given to the occupational therapy department which is under the supervision of Mrs. Lonis C. Ballard. It will be used as a means of muscle re-education and as a part of the re-vocational training of the patients.

Pictured after the presentation are, left to right: Dr. John W. Chenault, director of the infantile paralysis unit of the hospital; Mrs. L. E. Carter, principal of the Lewis Adams school, Tuskegee, and a member of the sorority; Mrs. Laura C. Buck, labor coordinator at Tuskegee and basileus of Upsilon chapter, and Alphonso Reed, seated, an infantile paralysis patient. Sun 1-25-48

Sorority Donates Typewriter To Polio Patients

The Journal & Guide
Norfolk, Va.
1-3-48

TUSKEGEE — (ANP) — Upsilon chapter of Phi Delta Kappa Sorority presented a new Royal typewriter to the infantile paralysis unit of the John A. Andrew hospital at Tuskegee. The typewriter, a gift from the national organization and the local chapter, was given to the occupational therapy department which is under the supervision of Mrs. Lonis C. Ballard. It will be used as a means of muscle re-education training of the patients.

MADE PRESENTATION

The presentation was made by Mrs. Laura C. Buck, basileus of Upsilon chapter who mentioned the long standing interest her sorority has manifested in the hospital here and this gift was only one of the many they have sponsored. Her statement was substantiated by the fact that the presentation happened to be made in a room under their sponsorship which has been repeatedly recipients of their kindness. Also, Upsilon chapter will direct the March of Dimes fund drive this season.

PHI DELTA KAPPAS MEET—When members of the national teachers' sorority of Phi Delta Kappa met in Wilmington, Del., Dec. 27-30, in their twenty-fourth annual conclave, the above shots were taken. Left photo, at the opening meeting held at Bethel AME Church, were Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune who was the principal speaker, Supreme Basileus Olivia S. Henry and Hon. Joseph Wilson, Mayor of Wilmington, who brought greetings from the city. Right photo: Founders of the sorority chat with national honorary member, Miss Frances Murphy of Baltimore, second from left. Left to right, are Mrs. Gladys C. Nunery of Jersey City, Miss Murphy, Mrs. Florence Hunt and Mrs. Julia A. Barnes. Lower photo: The Big Four of Phi Delta Kappa include Mrs. Laura Buck, Tuskegee, Ala., second anti-basileus; Mrs. Anna Davidson, Cincinnati, Ohio, third anti-basileus; Mrs. Olivia S. Henry, basileus; Mrs. Daisey Simms, Wilmington, Del., first anti-basileus.—LuArt Photos.

Noted Speakers Address 22nd Annual Phi Delta Kappa Meet

WILMINGTON, Del.—More than 200 delegates, representing chapters in various parts of the country, attended the twenty-fourth annual conclave of the national Phi Delta Kappa Sorority here Dec. 26 through Dec. 30, which had the following persons as speakers: Joseph Wilson, mayor of the city; Dr. Ward I. Miller, superintendent of Wilmington public schools, and Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the National Council of Negro Women.

The above list of speakers addressed the open meeting which was held at the Bethel AME Church, Sunday, Dec. 28. Dr. Bethune was introduced by Mrs. Olivia Henry, supreme basileus of the sorority. Her topic was "Cooperative Living." Dr. Bethune is an honorary member of Phi Delta Kappa.

CLOSED BANQUET

SPEAKER

Florence Steele Hunt was the principal speaker at the closed banquet which was held Dec. 29. Mrs. Gertrude Robinson, past supreme basileus, was presented a pin at the banquet.

Immediately following the banquet, a formal dance was given in honor of the visitors by the local Pan-Hellenic Council, which consists of AKAs, Sigmas, Alphas and Kappas.

The sorority members were also feted during their stay by the local chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the College Women's Club.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Dr. Maude Wanzer Layne was voted the 1947 winner of the sorority's Achievement Award as the most outstanding soror of the year. This award will be presented to Dr. Layne at the twenty-fifth anniversary conclave which will be held in New Jersey during Christmas week this year.

Dr. Layne's accomplishments follow: She is an outstanding Charleston, W. Va., teacher; she served as supervisior of music for nine Negro schools in Kanawha County; an honorary member of Epsilon Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa; member of the Charleston Women's Improvement League; secretary of the Mutual Cooperative Association Land Company; campaign chairman of the Negro Division of the American Cancer Society; founder and director of the Wanzer School of Music, where she teaches vocal, instrumental, harmony and composition and band music, and she is founder and director of the Garnet High School Band.

Zetas Seek Promotion Ot Jr. Police Corps Director

Daily World, Atlanta, Ga.
Sat. 7-10-48

WASHINGTON—(ANP)— The local police department received a petition bearing 1,500 signatures from the hands of the juvenile delinquency committee of Zeta Phi Beta sorority here last week, asking that Pvt. Oliver Cowan, director of the Junior Police and Citizens corps, be elevated in rank because of his work in preventing juvenile delinquency among the thousands of boys and girls in the district. 7-10-48

The committee, composed of Mrs. Lillian Fitzhugh, national project director, and the Misses Thelma Raymond and Esther Peyton, urged commissioners to give Pvt. Cowan nition given other officers for apsomething of the same sort of recogprehending actual criminals.

They pointed out that through the corps, officer Cowan has influenced the lives of thousands of boys and girls and that he is developing ideals, establishing standards and promoting health of body, mind and spirit of youthful citizens.

The commissioners told the visiting group that "to have so large a number of citizens interested in officer Cowan and the work he is doing is a tribute that should make him happy." They also assured the committee that due consideration would be given to the petition.

ZETAS SET UP FIRST TUSKEGEE SORORITY

Black Dispatch, Oklahoma City, Okla.
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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. — Members of Zeta Phi Beta, Tuskegee's first sorority. The fine group of young ladies shown above are members of Theta Beta chapter, Zeta Phi Beta sorority, the first under-graduate sorority set up at Tuskegee Institute. These young ladies, who introduced Greekdoom to the campus were initiated recently with Soror Fannie Clay, Life Council member of the National Zeta Phi Beta sorority, Inc., in charge of the ceremony.

These co-eds, who symbolize the motto of the organization, "Finer Womanhood are, reading from left to right, front row: Ella J. Ward, sophomore, home economics, Tampa, Florida; Francis Elvira Roy, junior, school of agriculture, Columbus, Ohio; Julia L. McKinney, senior, home economics, Jacksonville, Florida. The Black Dispatch, Oklahoma, Oklahoma

Second row: Erma Belle Lee, senior, home economics; Mary Reed, sophomore, physical education, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; Gladys Agnes Wilson, senior, home economics, Bainbridge, Georgia; Dixie Vines, sophomore, home economics, Milstead, Alabama; Mildred McGowan, senior, institutional management, Edwards, Mississippi. Sat. 5-15-48

Mary McCorvey, senior, home economics, peterman, Alabama, and Eunice Lewis, senior, commercial dietetics, Lafayette, Louisiana, were not present when picture was made.

Negro Named Officer Of College Fraternity

New York Star, New York, New York

A Negro who was installed Friday night as vice-president of Zeta Iota Pi, a fraternity at Bergen College, said that "in our so-called democracy, it seems a man should be accepted for what he is rather than the pigmentation of his skin and the texture of his hair."

Roosevelt (Jack) Richardson, 21, of 200 W. 124th St., a sophomore at Bergen, in Teaneck, N. J., thinks he is the first Negro in campus history to be so honored.

"I've been a member of the frat since September," he said, "and the only thing I can tell you about the reaction among the fellows to the news that I was elected vice-president was one of cheerful congratulations." Sun. 11-5-48

5 Negroes in School

Richardson, who intends to be a dentist, said that out of an enrollment of 2000 students at Bergen only five are Negroes.

"Maybe that's why we stand out," he said. He compared the "social thinking" at Bergen with that which prevails at Columbia and "the other big factory-like colleges," and said the "country-club atmosphere" at his school might account for the students' tolerance.

A photographer on his school newspaper and magazine, Richardson said that his fraternity brothers were aroused over what he called "the Amherst incident." A chapter of Phi Kappa Psi at Amherst college recently lost its charter when a Negro was initiated as a member. Sun 11-5-48

SORORITY PLEDGE S WHITE TEACHER

The above photo shows a group of pledgees to Zeta chapter, Philadelphia, of Phi Delta Kappa sorority. From left to right they are: Evangeline Moore, Ruby G. Smith, Elaine Thomas, Ethel Hibbert and Jessue Coverdale. Mrs. Hibbert is the first white teacher to become a pledgee of eta chapter. (ANP)

RECEIVES WOMANHOOD AWARD

Mrs. R. C. Johnson, popular young matron of the city, has been selected by the Alpha Sigma Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority as the woman most worthy to receive their "Finer Womanhood' award this year. She is the Negro Field Director of Girl Scouts of Jefferson County. During her two years in this position, the number of Girls Scout troops has increased from eight in 1945 to 30 troops today. She is, also, a member of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches of America. No other person of her race is on this board

Mrs. Johnson is a native Kentuckian, holding a degree from the Kentucky State College. Her husband is the principal of Parker High School of Birmingham. Besides her outside interes this young woman is a devoted mother of two beautiful little daughters.

The sorority will present the award on Sunday morning during a special program at the First Congregational Church, Rev. M. Williams, Pastor, February 29, 1948, at 11 o'clock. The public is invited to be present.